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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE OF 1884.

1. Report statistics and collections *on the first day*, if possible.
2. Report *even dollars and no cents*, if possible, to the Conference Treasurer.
3. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
4. *Superannuate and Supernumerary members should send their post-office addresses to Secretary immediately.*
5. In preparing reports of the Conference of 1884 use legal cap paper, and write on one side only.

TO EVERY MEMBER—PERSONAL.

The Secretary, JOHN McELDONNEY, Detroit, should receive immediately, by mail, material to complete the Register.

1. Your name in full.
2. Born—where?
3. Born—when?
4. Admitted into full connection—in what Conference?
5. When?
6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference, from what Conference or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
7. When?
8. Examine the Register.

N. B.—I have carefully prepared a special blank designed to embrace such biographical data as are of general interest, which I will send to any member of the Conference upon application. These blanks are not for publication, but will be placed on file for future reference. About one hundred and fifty of the brethren in the two Conferences have already responded. A similar blank for the wives of our preachers will be forwarded to all those who desire, and who will fill and return it. When ordering please enclose stamp. J. M. ARNOLD.

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RULES OF ORDER,

As Adopted in 1869, Modified in 1875, and Adopted at Each Session Since.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8th o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.
2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.
3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.
5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.
6. When a motion, resolution or report presented, is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.
7. No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz.: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.
8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration.
12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.
13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and, when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
19. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference.
20. Two-thirds of the members present, and voting, may order the previous question on a pending motion.
[A motion to table an amendment to a resolution does not carry the resolution to the table. This has itself been the understanding in Detroit Conference.]—Secretary.

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Journal of the Session

IN FULL.

FIRST DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 12, 1883.

The Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Twenty-eighth Annual Session at 9 o'clock this morning, in the Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Flint, Michigan, Bishop William L. Harris presiding. The Bishop conducted the introductory religious services, reading the 53d Chapter of Isaiah, part of the 26th Chapter of Matthew, and the 834th Hymn, proceeding after singing, with the services of the Lord's Supper. He committed the distribution of the elements, bread and wine, to T. J. Joslin, Presiding Elder, of Flint District, with the aid of the other Presiding Elders.

After Sacramental service the Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and the following 135 members answered to their names. The figures before the names indicate the year of uniting with the Conference:

1884, James F. Davidson; '88, George Taylor; '42, Daniel C. Jacokes; '48, Wm. E. Bigelow, W. Taylor; '45, Thomas C. Gardner, John Russell; '46, Samuel Bessey, David A. Curtis, Frederick W. Warren, Seth Reed; '47, Manasseh Hickey, Thomas Seelye; '48, Henry N. Brown, Joseph S. Sutton, Orrin Whitmore; '50, Curtis Mosher, James S. Smart; '51, John M. Arnold, Samuel Clements; '58, Alanson R. Bartlett; '54, Thomas J. Joslin; '55, John O. Bancroft, Lewis R. Fiske, Orlando Sanborn, David B. Tracy; '56, Chas. M. Anderson, Rodney Gage, Henry O. Parker; '57, Andrew J. Bigelow, Wm. Birdsall; '58, Wm. Q. Burnett, Lodowic C. York; '59, Elisha E. Caster, James H. Caster, John W. Crippen; James R. Noble, Wm. C. Way, John Wesley; '60, Arthur Edwards, Geo. W. Lowe; '61, Sam'l Bird, Thomas G. Potter, Lucius S. Tedman; '62, Wm. J. Campbell, Wm. J. Clack, Thomas Nichols, Oliver J. Perrin; '63, Chas. L. Church, Wm. H. Shier, George Stowe; '64, Chas. W. Austin, John M. Gordon, Jacob Horton; '65, Henry S. White; '67, Albert B. Clough, John McElroy, Alexander S. Fair, Luther Lee, Josiah G. Morgan, Isaac Johnston; '68, James Balls, Lemon Barnes, Elias W. Frazee, Joseph Frazer, Henry W. Hicks, Robert C. Lanning, Andrew J. Richards, Chas. Simpson, James E. Withey; '69, Isaac N. Elwood; '70, Jas. M. Fuller, Joel B. Goos, John H. McIntosh, William X. Ninde, Marvin J. Scott, Wm. W. Washburn, Alonzo Whitcomb, Andrew W. Wilson; '71, David Casler, W. Edson Dunning, John Hamilton, John G. Sparling; '72, Jacob C. Wortley, John M. Van Every, Duke Whitley, John L. Walker; '73, Dan R. Shier,

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David B. Millar, Dan'l J. Odell; '74, Franklin Bradley, Wm. Allington, Nathan N. Clark, Roland Woodhams, Calvin Gibbs; '75, Edwin P. Peirce, Frederick Strong, Lewis P. Davis, Wm. Dawe, Edwin Craven, Wm. M. Campbell; '76, Jas. L. Hudson, Frederick Coates, Lewis N. Moon, Joseph F. Berry, John J. Hodge, Henry Nankervis; '77, James E. Jacklin; '78, Donald A. Perrin; '79, J. Milesor Kerridge, Wm. H. Allman, Alfonzo Crane, John Sweet; '80, Wm. George, Andrew J. Holmes, Chas. S. Eastman; '81, John M. Shank, Orton F. Winton, Wm. J. Bailey, Chas. H. Morgan, Matthew C. Hawks, John B. Oliver, John A. Combs, John Wilson; '82, Isaac E. Springer, Theodore P. Barnum, Edward B. Bancroft, Edward A. Bray, Thomas B. McGee, Geo. W. Hastings, Eugene Yager, J. P. Varner, Myron W. Gifford, Thos. G. Huckle.

Four of the brethren, namely, Elias B. Prindle, John Gray, Benjamin F. Cocker, and Ephraim Van Norman, were reported as having died during the year. Four of the brethren not present are on Foreign Missions, namely, Geo. R. Davis, Leander W. Pilcher, Dewitt C. Challis, and Oscar W. Willits.

John McEldowney was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, with instructions to name his assistants.

Letters of transfer of Russell B. Pope, from Rock River Conference; Wm. W. Ramsey, from Pittsburgh Conference; Geo. W. Hudson, from Maine Conference; Wm. Smith, from Kansas Conference, were read, and their names were enrolled. Wm. W. Ramsey and Geo. W. Hudson were present, and were introduced to the Conference.

Certificate of transfer of Thos. G. Williams, a Probationer of the First Year, from East Ohio Conference, was read; he was present, and was introduced by the Bishop.

A draft on the Chartered Fund for \$30 was ordered; also a draft on the Book Concern for \$319.

Communications from E. H. Pilcher and R. S. Pardington, expressing their love for the Conference, and their regret at not being able to be in attendance, were read.

Committees were appointed as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—Presiding Elder, and Pastor at Flint.
Education—I. N. Elwood, Jacob Horton, Wm. Dawe.
Conference Stewards—W. Q. Burnett, L. P. Davis, W. C. Way.
Missions—Presiding Elders.
Bible Cause—W. George, Wm. Dawe, I. H. Riddick.
Temperance—A. J. Bigelow, F. E. York, J. F. Davidson.
Sanctity of Sabbath—Jas. Vennin, J. H. McIntosh, N. N. Clark.
Parsonages—J. B. Goss, N. G. Lyons, J. M. Van Every.
Post-offices—J. L. Hudson.
Memoirs—Seth Reed, M. Hickey, Wm. Birdsall.
Mission Auditors—T. H. Baskerville, H. W. Wright, L. N. Moon.
Sunday Schools—Roland Woodhams, Joseph Frazer, C. H. Morgan.
Church Extension—C. T. Allen, H. A. Merrill, S. L. Ramsdell.
Freedmen—W. E. Bigelow, E. W. Frazee, J. O. Bancroft.

Periodicals—D. R. Shier, I. E. Springer, G. W. Lowe.
Conference Statistician—L. C. York.

Conference Claimants—A. R. Bartlett, Jesse Kilpatrick, Joseph Frazer, H. W. Hicks, J. M. Gordon, John Hamilton, W. M. Campbell.
Debts Due the Book Concern—J. M. Campbell, L. P. Davis, L. Barnes.

Conference Treasurer—D. Caster.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Conference Relations—C. T. Allen, R. B. Pope, J. B. Goss, Seth Reed, J. M. Gordon, John Hamilton, I. H. Riddick.

On Nomination of Committees for 1884—H. N. Brown, W. E. Dunning, W. H. Shier, I. E. Springer, J. Horton, J. M. Van Every, Wm. Campbell.

On Frontier Work—J. M. Arnold, R. B. Pope, H. W. Wright, O. J. Perrin, T. Stalker, D. A. Perrin, W. M. Campbell.

On Publication of the Minutes—The Secretary, J. M. Arnold, John Hamilton.
On the Centenary of 1884—Arthur Edwards, J. E. Jacklin, W. H. Shier, O. J. Perrin, J. M. Fuller, A. R. Bartlett, L. P. Davis.

The Treasurer nominated the following assistants: Chas. Simpson, I. N. Elwood, J. M. Kerridge, J. E. Jacklin; they were appointed.

The Statistical Secretary nominated these as assistants: W. J. Clack, J. A. Combs, L. N. Moon, D. A. Perrin, E. B. Bancroft; they were appointed.

J. M. Phillips, of the Book Concern at New York, was introduced, and addressed the Conference on the special interests he represented.

A communication from the Board of Bishops, on expenses of the next General Conference, reporting \$700 as the amount apportioned this Conference, was read and referred to the Presiding Elders, with instructions to apportion the amount to their respective districts.

A communication was received from the Book Committee reporting \$2,081 apportioned to this Conference to meet the claims of the Episcopal Fund. It was referred to the Presiding Elders, with instructions to apportion the amount to their respective districts.

A. R. Bartlett submitted the following paper, signed by A. R. Bartlett, T. G. Potter, Jacob Horton, J. M. Fuller, and S. Reed.

Whereas, at a ministerial gathering lately held at Minneapolis, 26 ministers, claiming to represent the needs and wishes of North-Western Methodism, resolved to memorialize the next General Conference for the removal of the time limit as regards the appointments of the preachers of the M. E. Church; therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Detroit Conference the present itinerant system of the Methodist Episcopal Church has secured such grand results in the past that changes should only be made upon the fullest demonstrations of need,

and positive assurance of better results; and that a change so fraught with danger and promising so little good as that proposed can well afford to wait for years of calm deliberation by the whole church.

Resolved, That should the measure come before the General Conference, our delegates be and are hereby instructed to oppose, and vote against, the removal of the time limit.

A motion was made to amend by striking out so much as refers to the convention of Minneapolis. Pending its discussion A. J. Bigelow submitted this as a substitute for the whole paper:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the time limit in the Pastorate of the M. E. Church should not be removed.

It was laid on the table.

J. S. Smart submitted this as a substitute for the whole:

Resolved, That although we do not favor the removal of the time limit in the usual annual appointments by the Bishop, yet we would favor such a change as would meet emergencies and extend the term of service when it would be plainly for the glory of God and the good of the church to do so.

It was laid on the table.

A motion to lay the proposed amendment on the table prevailed.

A motion to lay the original document on the table was lost.

The question for the adoption of the paper was submitted, and carried, by a large majority.

The Secretary was instructed to insert in the Rules of Order, No. 20: "Two-thirds of the members present and voting, may order the previous question on a pending motion."

The Rules of Order of the last session, thus amended, were adopted for the present session.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at a line running across the church from the farther part of the third window.

Leave of absence from the session of to-morrow was granted to G. W. Lowe and W. W. Ramsey.

It was ordered by vote, that the report of the Committee on the Burnt District be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock; also, that the election of Delegates

to the next General Conference be made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock.

The parchments of Edward Steer, withdrawn at the last session, were returned to the Conference.

A paper from the Board of Bishops, on "The Centenary of 1884," was read.

A memorial from the Northwestern Indiana Conference to the General Conference was submitted.

Both were referred to the Centenary Committee.

A communication from the Freedman's Aid Society was read, and, with accompanying paper, submitted to the committee on this interest.

Communications pertaining to Conference Claimants were referred to the appropriate committee.

A motion that pastors, in announcing the amount of their Missionary Collections, also announce the number of members on their charges, was laid on the table. Another motion, that they announce the apportionment made, was also tabled.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes, "Was the character of each Preacher examined?" was now taken up.

W. W. Washburn, Presiding Elder of Detroit District, submitted an encouraging view of the work of love on his district. His character was passed.

The following Preachers were called, and their characters passed; those present and on charges reporting their collections:

A. J. Bigelow, G. H. Hastings, D. J. Odell, L. C. York, F. W. Warren, H. A. Merrill, Wm. Dawe, C. T. Allen, T. H. Baskerville, John Alabaster, Wm. J. Clack, J. H. Caster, I. Johnston, F. E. Pearce, G. W. Lowe, L. L. Houghton, S. L. Ramsdell, M. W. Gifford, Geo. Stowe, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. G. Morgan, I. N. Elwood, A. Edwards, L. R. Fiske, W. X. Ninde, W. W. Ramsey, and William Smith. John Alabaster was called, his character passed, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Indiana Conference.

Notices of committee meetings given. T. C. Gardner was appointed to conduct religious services at the opening of to-morrow's session. J. M. Fuller invoked the Benediction, and Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 13, 1883.

The Conference re-assembled at the regular hour. T. C. Gardner conducted religious services. The roll of absentees was called, and the following 24 members answered:

1846, Francis A. Blades; '56, Edwin H. Brockway, John G. Whitecomb; '57, Lyman H. Dean; '59, Jesse Kilpatrick; '61, Squire E. Warren; '65, Aaron R. Laing, John A. McIlwain; '71, Alva B. Wood; '72, Francis E. Pearce; '74, Henry W. Thompson; '75, Henry C. Northrup, John W. Campbell, Robert L. Cope; '76, Daniel W. Giberson; '78, John Atkinson; '79, Henry W. Wright; '80, John H. McCune; '81, Lambert E. Lennox, Henry A. Merrill; '82, Samuel Edgecumbe, M. H. Bartram, Charles E. Benson, Benjamin C. Moore and William Smith.

The following 81 members did not answer the call of the roll, viz:

Elijah H. Pilcher, Ebenezer Steele, John Gray, Alfred Allen, Jacob E. Parker, Thos. Wakelin, Rich'd McConnell, Andrew Bell, Robert Bird, Ira W. Donelson, Joseph W. Holt, Wm. Benson, Sylvester Calkins, Peter O. Johnson, Benjamin F. Pritchard, Rufus C. Crane, Jacob Robbins, Erastus R. Haskell, Benjamin H. Hedger, Lewis Mitchell, Ira H. Camburn, Wm. Donnelly, Erastus Klumpf, Wm. Tuttle, Joseph B. Varnum, Alexander Gee, Theron C. Higgins, Hiram Hood, Stephen L. Ramsdell, Jesse B. Russell, Daniel W. Hammond, Raynor S. Pardington, William M. Triggs, Thomas Stalker, Barton S. Taylor, James H. Curnalia, Wm. H. Benton, Alfred F. Bourns, Wesley Hagadorn, John S. Joslin, James Vennin, Marcellus B. Wilsey, Samuel J. Brown, Harvey Hodskiss, Newel Newton, Frederick E. York, Levi L. Houghton, George M. Lyon, Chas. T. Allen, Thomas G. Omans, James A. Dunlap, Samuel B. Kimmel, Thomas Wilkinson, Jas. H. Kilpatrick, Horace Palmer, Ell Westlake, George H. Field, J. Milton Johnston, Thos. H. Baskerville, James E. Whalen, George Nixon, Webster H. Pearce, Jas. H. Morton, Edwin Dawe, Almon F. Hoyt, Nelson G. Lyons, Isaac Wilcox, Isaac H. Riddick, Alva G. Blood, Jeremiah H. Bayliss, David McFawn, Chas. H. Talmadge, Francis Berry, David H. Yokum, Geo. L. Pearson, George A. Walker, Wm. W. Benson, Myron W. Gifford, Justin A. Rowe, Wm. Cook, Russell B. Pope.

L. R. Fiske read the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Albion College, showing a much improved condition of its affairs. It was referred to the Committee on Education.

L. R. Fiske read a report from a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Albion College to consider plans for the commemoration of the Centenary of American Methodism. It was referred to the Centenary Committee.

S. Reed, Secretary, submitted the following report of the Trustees of Detroit Conference:

Immediately after the election of the Trustees, in September, 1882, the Board met and organized by the election of A. F. Bourns, President; S. Reed, Secretary; and J. M. Arnold, Treasurer. A Finance Committee was appointed, of S. Clements, A. R. Bartlett, and I. N. Elwood, with Hon. T. C. Owen as advisor. The annual meeting of the Board was held in the city of Flint, September 12, 1883. The Treasurer,

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J. M. Arnold, presented his annual report, which consisted in a schedule of the assets of the Ministers' Endowment Fund of the Detroit Annual Conference. The schedule shows amount of principal and interest to September 1, 1883, to be \$15,970.46, and to exist as follows:

Mortgages and Real Estate, and Secured Notes	\$14,760 44
Certificates of Deposit in D. Preston's Bank	1,012 10
Balance from Acc't current.	197 92
Total	\$15,970 46

The bank certificates are drawing 4 per cent., and the notes and mortgages 7, 8, and in one case, 10 per cent. interest.

The Finance Committee, through their Chairman, S. Clements, reported that they had carefully examined each item of the securities, and believe them to be sound and ample.

The Board recommended that the sum of \$900 from the Interest Account be turned over to the interest account of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, to be disbursed by it according to its rules.

The time of Trustees A. F. Bourns; R. S. Pardington, and L. R. Fiske expires this year, and the Board respectfully nominated for election A. F. Bourns, L. R. Fiske, and C. T. Allen.

SETH REED,
Secretary.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of the Trustees nominated; it was done, and they were declared duly elected.

The annual report of the Book Committee, signed by its Chairman and Secretary, was read. J. M. Phillips addressed the Conference on the general interests of the Book Concern, and the report was referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

F. A. Blades, Chairman, reported that the committee appointed at the last Annual Conference on the subject of Haven Hall, at Ann Arbor, had been unable to decide upon any measures to report to this session. On motion, the Committee was continued. F. A. Blades, Arthur Edwards, W. W. Ramsey, M. W. Harrington, and C. B. Howell were constituted the same.

The special order of the day was taken up. Frances Berry, Secretary of the committee on "The Religious Interests of the Burnt District," read a detailed report of their work for the past year.

On motion to continue the committee for the ensuing year to complete their work, O. J. Perrin moved as a substitute that the work be referred to the Committee on Frontier

Work. The substitute was laid on the table, and the motion to re-appoint prevailed. The report was referred to the Editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, with request for its publication. The committee, by vote, was asked to prepare a succinct statement of the aid received from the Church Extension Board, and publish the same in the Christian Advocate, of New York; also, in the Northwestern Christian Advocate, of Chicago, Ill.

The names of pastors whose characters had passed at the session of yesterday, and who had not reported Missionary Collections, were called and their collections reported.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was now resumed.

Wm. J. Campbell was called and passed. He reported at length the work of love during the year on Adrian District.

John Atkinson, Duke Whiteley, E. P. Peirce, J. M. Kerridge, Geo. Nixon, John A. McIlwain, H. C. Northrup, Wm. George, D. A. Curtis, A. W. Wilson, R. Woodhams, Alfonzo Crane, D. R. Shier, P. J. Wright, D. W. Giberson, J. L. Hudson, J. E. Jacklin, W. E. Dunning, Jesse Kilpatrick, J. C. Wortley, George W. Hudson and R. B. Pope were each called.

Their reports of Missionary Collection were received and their characters passed. C. H. Talmadge was examined, passed, and he was granted a supernumerary relation.

E. H. Brockway was passed and placed on the superannuated list. R. S. Pardington was passed, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the New York East Conference.

The following, submitted by Arthur Edwards, was adopted by rising vote:

Rev. R. S. Pardington began his work in this Conference in 1858 and has loyally and devotedly received appointment as a pastor every year since that date. He has been transferred to duty in another part of our connectional field wherein we commend him affectionately to our brethren as a faithful co-worker. When he wishes to return to labor in his old Conference we shall give him the welcome to which our mutual fellowship entitles him. Signed, ARTHUR EDWARDS, J. S. SMART, C. T. ALLEN, O. J. PERRIN, J. M. ARNOLD, WM. J. CAMPBELL, JOHN McELDOWNEY, I. N. ELWOOD.

B. F. Cocker died during the year. A communication from the Presbytery of Detroit expressing its high esteem of

Dr. Cocker, its appreciation of his noble character and its sympathy with the University of Michigan and with this Conference over the loss occasioned by his death, was read. By a rising vote it was received with feelings of gratitude, and referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Leave of absence from session of to-morrow was granted to W. C. Way.

The Bishop introduced to the Conference visiting brethren Rev. Bro. Cope of Methodist Protestant Church; Rev. C. M. Thompson of Niagara Conference of the M. E. Church of Canada; Rev. Bro. Wright and Bro. Hunt of the Presbyterian Church, and R. B. Pope, transferred from Rock River Conference.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was continued.

T. J. Joslin was called, character passed, and he reported the Flint District.

The following brethren were called, reported Missionary Collections and their characters passed, namely:

Chas. E. Benson, W. H. Benton, D. H. Yokum, H. W. Wright, J. G. Sparling, J. W. Campbell, W. H. Shier, J. B. Goss, F. E. York, L. S. Tedman, C. M. Anderson, W. H. Bartram, N. G. Lyons, J. Vening, C. S. Eastman, J. E. Withey, Joseph Frazer, J. L. Walker, Calvin Gibbs, E. E. Caster, Frederick Strong, J. S. Joslin, Edwin Craven, Chas. Simpson, A. G. Blood and D. C. Jacokes.

J. J. Hodge, W. Q. Burnett, G. M. Lyon and Wm. Birdsall were examined, reported collections, passed, and they were placed on the superannuated list.

By vote G. M. Lyon and Wm. Birdsall were placed on the list of claimants for the present year. ●

On report of Presiding Elder Joslin that Mrs. Haas had given to the Methodist Episcopal Church a parsonage at Holly, Conference voted to recognize and gratefully acknowledge its appreciation of the liberality expressed in the gift named.

The Statistical Secretary was directed to report at the session of to-morrow any delinquencies existing in reports on Statistics.

Announcements were made. Papers were reported to respective Committees. Dr. Lee was named by the Bishop to conduct the opening services of to-morrow's session, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. F. A. Blades.

THIRD DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 14th, 1888.

Conference re-assembled at the regular hour. Luther Lee conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of the second day session were read and approved.

On motion of D. C. Jacokes the Secretary was asked to send to Mrs. Haas of Holly, a copy of the action of the Conference on the gift made by her to the church.

The following preamble and resolutions introduced by O. J. Perrin were adopted:

Whereas, The State of Michigan contains over 60,000 Methodists, and whereas, it ranks among the first in the Union, in its commercial, educational and social advantages, and whereas, the metropolis of the State is centrally located, easy of egress and ingress, and of unrivaled beauty and healthfulness; therefore

Resolved, That we memorialize the approaching General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to make the City of Detroit an Episcopal residence.

Resolved, Second, That we instruct our delegates to use the utmost of their influence to secure this object. Signed, O. J. PERRIN, C. T. ALLEN, W. DAWE, ARTHUR EDWARDS, H. O. PARKER and M. HICKEY.

The Presiding Bishop introduced His Excellency Governor Begole.

The Seventh Question of the General Minutes: "Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?"

Calvin M. Thompson, an Elder in good standing in the Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Canada, James D. Hubbell, an Elder from the same Conference, Benjamin B. Rogers, an Elder from the same Conference, and Gilbert C. Squire, were presented, their certificates of membership were read. They

were each examined before the Conference on the Disciplinary Questions, and by vote were received on their credentials.

Wm. H. Poole of the Methodist Church of Canada, was introduced, his certificate from the Toronto Conference was read with this paper also, of his own presentation:

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 18th, 1883.

Rev. Bishop Harris and Members of the Detroit Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—In requesting a place among you as one of yourselves I wish it distinctly understood that when the time comes in the Providence of God for me to retire from the work of the ministry, I shall not be a claimant on any of your funds.

My sole aim is to spend a few years as health may be spared in hearty co-operation with you in the great work of preaching Christ and Him crucified.

I am, my dear sir,
Yours truly,

(Signed) W. H. POOLE.

He was examined before the Conference touching his agreement with our Church in discipline and usages, and by vote was received into the Conference.

Joseph S. Mitchell, an Elder of the United Methodist Free Churches of England, was introduced; his certificate was read. He was examined on the usual Disciplinary Questions, and, by vote, received.

The Sixth Question of our General Minutes was now taken up. "Who are re-admitted?"

Camden M. Coborn was presented; his certificate of location in the Erie Annual Conference was read, and he was re-admitted.

The Fifth Question of our General Minutes was now taken up. "Who are admitted into full connection?"

Samuel Gilchriese, Perry R. Parrish, Benjamin Reeve, John Bettes, and Austin Wilson were examined and admitted, each being already a Deacon.

Rodney D. Robinson, an Elder, was examined and admitted, and passed to the list of effective Elders.

Charles W. Barnum, Claudius B. Spencer, Charles E. Hill, George W. Jennings, George S. Davis, and Walter Marks were each examined, admitted, and elected to Deacon's orders.

John W. Chapman was discontinued at his own request.

Charles W. Turrill and Francis A. Piper were discontinued. Horace G. Persons was continued on trial.

The President introduced J. B. Langton, the oldest member of the Genesee Conference; Brethren Jacokes and Wightman, of the Michigan Conference; Prof. Dickie, of Albion College; and Brethren Traver and Long, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

On motion, it was directed that the order of the day be now taken up, viz.: The election of Delegates to the General Conference.

Preliminary arrangements determined that the choice shall be by election by ballot; that a majority shall be required to elect; that it shall be by general ticket; that if any ticket shall have a greater number of names than there are delegates to be elected, the last names, until the required number be reached, be stricken off; that in the case of more than the required number having a majority, the highest numbers exceeding a majority shall be considered elected.

R. B. Pope, Wm. Dawe, J. Horton, and Wm. George were appointed tellers; and on nomination of the Secretary, Arthur Edwards was chosen assistant Secretary to retire with the tellers to count ballots.

It was announced that the Conference is entitled to six Delegates.

The ballots were collected, and the tellers retired to count them.

The following communication from the Michigan Conference, at its late session in Albion, Michigan, was received and read:

Whereas, Both the Michigan and Detroit Conferences are becoming inconveniently large; and

Whereas, The growth of the next four years will in all probability render it necessary to form one or more new Conferences within the State; and

Whereas, The present Conferences are so situated as to be mutually interested in the separation of the territory now embraced in their jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed at this session to act conjointly with a similar committee from the Detroit Conference to secure from the ensuing General Conference such action as will enable the Conferences within this State to effect a division within the succeeding quadrennium.—T. H. JACOKES, D. F. BARNES, and LEVI MASTERS.

The Michigan Conference appointed as the committee ordered in the foregoing, T. H. Jacokes, D. F. Barnes, J. A. Sprague, J. I. Buell, and Horace Hall. (Certified by W. I. Cogshall, Secretary of Michigan Conference.)

On motion, a committee of five corresponding to the committee of the Michigan Conference, and to consult with them as above, was ordered.

The Nominating Committee, after consultation, presented the names: John Russell, A. J. Richards, Seth Reed, W. H. Shier, I. N. Elwood. They were chosen.

The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary reported those who had up to this time failed to report.

It was directed that in cases where no reports from pastors are made, the Presiding Elders have authority to fill blanks and statistics, and when not able to do so, the words "No Report" shall be inserted.

F. A. Blades and D. C. Jacokes were appointed a committee to convey the fraternal salutations of the Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference now in session.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed. "Was the character of each Preacher examined?"

J. S. Smart was called and passed, and he reported the progress of the Church on Saginaw District.

John McEldowney, C. W. Austin, Wm. W. Benson, John Sweet, J. F. Davidson, R. L. Cope, J. Wilson, M. J. Scott, N. N. Clark, J. H. McCune, H. W. Hicks, W. H. Allman, H. O. Parker, Seth Reed, H. Palmer, J. P. Varner, I. E. Springer, O. J. Perrin, E. N. Frazee, S. E. Warren, H. S. White, and B. C. Moore were called, reported their Missionary Collection, and passed.

J. W. Crippen and James Balls were examined, passed and superannuated.

Francis Berry was examined and passed. Conference, by vote, asked the Bishop to appoint him Chaplain of the Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

T. G. Potter was examined, his character passed, and he reported the Port Huron District.

L. N. Moon, H. Nankervis, A. J. Holmes, T. C. Higgins, W. C. Way, John Wesley, J. Horton, Frederick Coates, S. Bird, J. M.

Gordon, J. H. Curnalia, Thos. Stalker, J. M. Fuller, Lemon Barnes, D. McFawn, and Thos. G. Huckle, were examined, reported Missionary Collections, and passed.

J. H. Morton was passed, and made supernumerary.

R. Gage was passed and superannuated.

John Russell was called, his character passed, and he reported the Lake Superior District.

A. S. Fair, John Hamilton, T. G. Omans, A. R. Bartlett, J. M. Van Every, D. A. Perrin, A. Whitcomb, D. B. Millar, H. W. Thompson, D. Casler, Thos. Nichols, J. G. Whitcomb, R. C. Lanning, Wm. Cook, and W. E. Bigelow were called, reported, and passed.

T. Wilkinson, Isaac Wilcox, and B. S. Taylor were examined and superannuated.

A. J. Richards was called, his character passed, and he reported, in part, the Alpena District.

The tellers returned, and announced the ballot for Delegates to General Conference.

Whole number of votes cast	191
Necessary to a choice.....	96

W. X. Ninde received 164; Arthur Edwards, 136; John McEldowney, 100; and having each received a majority, were declared elected.

It was ordered that a second ballot be taken to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

S. E. Warren was granted leave of absence after to-day, and John Russell, after to-morrow.

A. J. Bigelow was named to conduct opening religious services to-morrow. Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, the Benediction was invoked, and Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 15, 1883.

Conference re-assembled at the appointed hour. A. J. Bigelow conducted the opening religious services. The journal of the third day's session was read and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. M. Fuller to the Genesee Conference.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by O. Whitmore, were adopted unanimously by a rising vote, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish Brother Fuller a certified copy of the same:

Whereas, Our worthy and esteemed brother, Rev. J. M. Fuller, has been transferred to the Genesee Conference;

Resolved, 1. That we are devoutly grateful to the Great head of the Church that of the fifty-six years of earnest and efficient service he has been enabled to render the Church, thirteen years of that service has been bestowed within the bounds of the Detroit Conference.

2. That while his services have been of great value in the regular work, the Conference is under special obligation to him for his self-sacrificing labors for the past two years as a member of the committee on the "Burnt District" work.

3. That while we sincerely regret that he is called, and feels it his duty to go to another field of labor, we shall cherish the memory of his associations and labors with us; and we heartily congratulate the Genesee Conference on his return to them, to serve again where, in the earlier days of Methodism, in Western New York, he rendered such able and efficient service to the Church; and

4. That we will keep the door of our Conference ajar, and should our worthy co-laborer see fit at any time to return, we will give him the same cordial, fraternal, and hearty welcome as at the first.—T. G. POTTER, O. WHITMORE, I. N. ELWOOD.

T. Stalker was excused from the Committee on Frontier Work, and J. M. Gordon appointed in his stead.

Jesse B. Russell, not in attendance, was excused from the Committee on St. Ignace Church, and Wm. M. Campbell appointed in his stead.

The order of the day was called.

A second ballot for delegates to the General Conference was taken, and the tellers with the Secretary retired to count the ballots.

Rev. J. H. Potts, of the Michigan Conference, Dr. Waldron, of the Western Book Concern, Dr. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary, Chaplain C. C. McCabe were introduced.

F. A. Blades, chairman of the committee to bear salutations to the Lay Electoral Conference, reported that the committee had visited the body, and after filling the mission assigned them, the Lay Conference had appointed Hon. H. M. Loud, of Oscoda, and Dr. Fairbanks, of Flint, to convey to this body assurances of their regard and co-operation in all that pertained to the prosperity of our church.

Brethren Loud and Fairbanks addressed the Conference, were responded to in its behalf by Bishop Harris, after which Conference united in singing the hymn beginning

"Blest be the tie that binds."

The report of Garrett Biblical Institute was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. Waldron represented our publication interests.

Chaplain McCabe spoke of the progress made in liquidating claims held against the Metropolitan Church, in Washington, D. C., and secured pledges therefor.

The Fourteenth Question of the General Minutes was called up. "What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?"

John M. Shank, Chas. H. Morgan, Orton F. Winton, Wm. J. Bailey, Lambert E. Lennox and Eugene Yager were each examined, their characters were passed, and they were elected to Elders' Orders.

The Thirteenth Question of the General Minutes was called. "Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?"

Matthew C. Hawks, Theodore P. Barnum, E. B. Bancroft, Edward A. Bray, Thomas B. McGee, and George A. Walker were examined, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the Second Class of Deacons.

John B. Oliver, Samuel Edgecumbe, and George L. Pearson, not before the Examining Committee, were examined, their

characters passed, and they were continued in the First Class of Deacons.

The tellers entered and reported the second ballot for Delegates to the General Conference:

Whole number of votes cast	186
Necessary to a choice.....	94

L. R. Fiske received 120; T. J. Joslin, 104; C. T. Allen, 102; these having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, were accordingly declared elected.

On motion, so much of the order pertaining to the election of Delegates as required it to be held by ballot and by a majority of votes cast, was re-considered and laid on the table.

On motion, it was resolved that the two persons voted for in the last balloting who had received the highest number of votes, shall be declared the Reserve Delegates.

The Bishop announced that W. H. Shier, who had received 80 votes, and I. N. Elwood, who had received 78, were the two highest candidates, and were therefore declared Reserve Delegates, thus completing the election.

John Russell, Chairman of the committee appointed at the last Annual Session to consider the question of the division of the Conference, reported that in view of the recent action of the Michigan Conference, concurred in by the Detroit Conference, to appoint joint committees to consider this question and submit it to the next General Conference, the committee which he represented deemed it best to report —asking, that the subject assigned to them be indefinitely postponed. The report was adopted.

Question Ten of the General Minutes was taken up. “What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?”

Philip Lowry, Abner H. Lucas, Wm. F. Davis and Samuel B. Harris, each being duly recommended, examined, and their characters passed, were elected Deacons.

Question Sixteen of the General Minutes was called. “What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?” Answered none. •

Question Eighteen was taken up. "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"

Wm. Allington, G. W. Owen, J. M. Arnold, H. Hodskiss, J. E. Whalen, A. F. Hoyt and P. O. Johnson were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

A. B. Wood and G. L. Pearson were examined, passed, and made effective.

It was directed by vote that the Superintendent of the Arizona Mission be constituted a committee to examine on the studies of G. L. Pearson, and report to this Conference.

Edwin Dawe was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. A. Dunlap was examined, passed, and placed in the Superannuated Relation.

Question Nineteen of the General Minutes was taken up. "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"

The following persons were called, their characters passed, and they were continued Superannuated:

Elijah H. Pilcher, J. W. Holt, Wesley Hagadorn, Thomas Seelye, A. R. Laing, Robert Bird, J. Milton Johnston, S. B. Kimmell, S. Bessey, S. Calkins, M. B. Wilsey, Wm. Benson, H. Hood, M. Hickey, E. R. Hascall, D. B. Tracy, F. A. Blades, R. McConnell, J. B. Varnum, R. C. Crane, E. Klumph, L. Mitchell, Andrew Bell, J. Dobbins, Luther Lee, T. Wakelin, Ira H. Camburn, Alex. Gee, Daniel W. Hammond, George H. Field, Samuel Clements, Ira W. Donelson, E. Westlake, T. C. Gardner, George Taylor, William Taylor, H. N. Brown, E. Steele, C. Mosher, Wm. M. Triggs, J. S. Sutton, S. J. Brown, O. Sanborn, Alfred Bourns, J. O. Bancroft, Alfred Allen, B. H. Hedger, Newel Newton, J. R. Noble, William Tuttle, B. F. Pritchard, A. B. Clough, and L. H. Dean.

J. E. Parker was placed on the Supernumerary list at his own request.

John Gray, E. Van Norman and E. B. Prindle were reported died during the year.

The sum of \$150, appropriated from the proceeds of the Michigan Christian Advocate to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference by the Methodist Publishing Company, was

received, and the thanks of the Conference returned for the same.

The report of the Centenary Committee was read and adopted.

The vote adopting in so far as it pertained to the Fifth Article was re-considered, and this article was re-committed for revision.

Motion to adjourn was made; notices were given. D. C. Jacokes was named by the Bishop to open the session of Monday. The Doxology was sung, the Benediction invoked by Dr. Waldron, and Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 17, 1883.

Conference re-assembled at the usual hour. Religious services were conducted by D. C. Jacokes.

Bishop Harris offered for record the following certificate on Ordination:

This is to certify, that in the City of Flint, Michigan, on the sixteenth day of September, 1883, the following persons were by me, ordained to the Order of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz: Charles W. Barnum, Claudius B. Spencer, Charles E. Hill, George W. Jennings, George S. Davis, Walter Marks, Philip Lowry, Abner H. Lucas, William F. Davis, and Samuel B. Harris. And in the same city, on the same day, several Elders assisting in the service, the following persons were ordained Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz: John M. Shank, Charles H. Morgan, Orton F. Winton, William J. Bailey, Lambert E. Lennox, and Eugene Yager.

Done at Flint, Michigan, this seventeenth
day of September, A. D. 1883.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

The Bishop reported the following Committee on Centenary of 1884.

Ministers—Arthur Edwards, John McEldowney, W. W. Washburn, L. P. Davis, C. T. Allen, J. M. Arnold, I. N. Elwood.

Laymen—John Owen, of Detroit; H. M. Loud, of Oscoda; T. C. Owen, of Detroit; J. R. Whiting, of St. Clair; F. R. Beal, of Northville; G. W. Fish, of Flint; Albert Miller, of Bay City.

The Third Question of the General Minutes was taken up.
“Who remain on Trial?”

Jesus Robins, James A. Lowry, Michael H. McMahon, Philip Lowry, Jas. D. Halliday, Philip Price, Stephen L. Polkinghorne, Saml. Weir, Wm. C. Kitchen, William B. Pope, Allen P. DeLong, Thomas G. Williams and Wang Chung Yun were each examined, reported upon, and continued on trial.

Arthur H. DeLong was examined and continued on trial, but he is required to be re-examined on the first year's course of study.

George B. Benedict was examined and continued on trial, but is required to be examined on the first year's course of study, as he did not appear before the committee.

His Excellency, Governor Begole, of Michigan, briefly addressed the Conference, expressing his sympathy with the great work of temperance and religion in which its ministry are employed.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed.

John A. Combs was called.

This report of the Committee on Conference Relations was submitted and adopted:

Whereas, Rev. John A. Combe, formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, came to this Conference at its session in Port Huron in 1881, and presented in good faith what both he and we regarded sufficient testimonials of Christian character and ministerial standing in said church; and upon such testimonials, was duly received by this Conference as an Elder in good standing, we confidently expecting that upon his being received by us he ceased to be accountable to them;

But whereas, The Niagara Annual Conference of said Church claimed and asserted its jurisdiction in the case of said Combs by receiving charges of immorality against him at its session in April, 1882, and on said charges expelled him in April, 1883;

And whereas, This Conference does not desire to and will not contend with our brethren in Canada in a matter of jurisdiction, nor receive from them those whom they deem unworthy of a place among themselves; therefore,

Resolved, That the name of John A. Combe be entered as "withdrawn" on the minutes of this Conference.

This resolution, offered by J. M. Arnold, was adopted:

Whereas, Our Church at Port Huron, in the re-erection of their edifice, were compelled, after the most determined and persistent effort, to carry a debt of \$8,000, which debt is becoming burdensome; and

Whereas, Our brethren there have a clear prospect of raising one-half the amount, on condition that the balance can be funded at a low rate of interest; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference recommend and request the Church Extension Society, upon proper application, to assume this loan on condition that the Church at Port Huron first reduce the debt to a sum not exceeding \$4,000.—(Signed) J. M. ARNOLD, R. B. POPE, T. G. POTTER.

The Second Question of the General Minutes, “Who are admitted on trial?” was taken up.

The following persons, after a full presentation of their examinations, and of their recommendation by Quarterly Conferences, were admitted on trial:

Henry Cartledge, William Peirce, James W. Kennedy, Morgan H. Davis, Benjamin F. Forsyth, Samuel Plantz, Guy M. Bigelow, Abner H. Lucas, Frank L. Osborne, James McAllister, Samuel A. Oliver, George S. Scarr, Franklin Weaver, William Edmunds, John L. Foxton, James Ivey.

William Peirce was excused from examinations on the course of study, on the grounds that he had graduated therein, and passed to Elder's Orders, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada.

Morgan H. Davis was excused from examination in the course of study on the grounds that he had graduated therein in the Genesee Conference.

Franklin Weaver was admitted on testimonials showing that he was a probationer in the Niagara Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and excused on that ground for not having appeared before the Committee on Course of Study for admission on trial.

These resolutions, offered by Wm. Dawe, were adopted:

Whereas, By our present arrangement for the examination of Candidates for Admission on Trial, we have not sufficient time and quiet to do desirable and thorough work; and

Whereas, The hasty and indefinite method pursued, results in candidates presenting themselves with hope of admission, who have not read the books or prepared for the required examinations; and

Whereas, It is due to the Conference and the churches under its care, that only men of studious habits be accepted and admitted into membership; therefore,

Resolved, That all Candidates for Admission on Trial into this Conference shall present themselves for examination not later than 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning preceding the opening of Conference; and that no one shall be accepted as a candidate who reports that he has not pursued the course of study required by the Discipline.—WM. DAWE, I. N. ELWOOD, J. HORTON, J. S. SMART, M. HICKEY W. H. SHIER, J. E. JACKLIN, C. S. EASTMAN, A. J. BIGELOW,

The report of the Committee on Education was received, amended, and adopted. (See report.)

The Secretary was instructed, by vote, to cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of Trustees of Albion College. It was done; and Rev. J. S. Smart and Horace Hitchcock, Esq., were elected.

The Eighteenth Question of the General Minutes was resumed.

Edwin Dawe was called.

The Committee on Conference Relations submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Conference Relations would respectfully report, in the case of Edwin Dawe, that they have received from him a communication in which he asks that he be granted a certificate of location; but inasmuch as they are satisfied from correspondence in their hands, that some time ago he received and accepted a call to the pastorate of an Independant or Congregational Church in Milbourneport, England, and since then has been acting in that capacity, they are of the opinion that he is, by his own act, withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and therefore recommend that his name be so entered upon the minutes of the Conference.—C. T. ALLEN.

Orrin Whitmore was examined, his character passed, and he was continued on the supernumerary list.

The report of the visitors to Albion College was read and adopted. (See report.)

D. C. Jacokes reported verbally the work of the Historical Society of the Conference. He said it desired to secure full and accurate accounts of the ministry and churches, and, by resolution of the society, solicited more general attention to the subject, and to the preparation of a history of the churches within our bounds. The report was received.

An afternoon session meeting at 2 o'clock was ordered. The Bishop assigned Seth Reed to preside, and to conduct the opening religious services. The Doxology was sung, the Benediction invoked by Dr. Poole, and Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2 o'clock, Seth Reed presiding, who conducted the opening services.

Reports on Memoirs, on Freedmen's Aid Society, on Church Extension, on Parsonages, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, and on Sanctity of the Sabbath were received, read, discussed, and adopted. (See reports **A** to **G**.)

This report was received and adopted:

ON NOMINATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR SESSION OF 1884.

Public Worship—Pastor and Presiding Elder of the seat of Conference.
Education—W. W. Ramsey, I. H. Ridick, E. B. Bancroft.
Stewards—J. S. Joslin, H. S. White, A. J. Bigelow.
Missions—The Presiding Elders.
Bible—T. C. Gardner, M. Hickey, A. F. Bourns.
Temperance—O. J. Perrin, D. R. Shier, M. C. Hawks.
Sanctity of the Sabbath—R. B. Pope, E. Yager, T. G. Huckle.
Parsonages—J. A. McIlwain, J. O. Bancroft, S. Bird.
Post offices—Frederick Coates.
Memoirs—T. J. Joslin, D. C. Jacokes, F. A. Blades.
Mission Auditors—R. Bird, D. A. Curtis, C. S. Eastman.
Sunday Schools—J. M. Kerridge, W. R. Jordan, J. G. Morgan.
Church Extension—W. E. Bigelow, O. Whitmore, W. H. Benton.
Freedmen's Aid—A. Edwards, S. E. Warren, D. B. Miller.
Periodicals—J. Atkinson, L. J. Hudson, J. E. Jacklin.
Conference Statistician—E. B. Bancroft.
Conference Claimants—F. W. Warren, W. E. Dunning, E. E. Caster, C. W. Austin, W. C. Way, H. W. Thompson, J. H. McIntosh.
Debts Due Book Concern—S. Clements, O. Sanborn, Wm. Taylor.
Conference Treasurer—David Casler.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC E. SPRINGER,
Secretary.

A committee of three on the Newark Church was ordered, and instructed to correspond with R. S. Pardington, obtain his report of previous subscription made in its behalf, assess the membership of the Conference for the amount remaining unpaid, and settle up this matter. R. Bird, O. J. Perrin and I. N. Elwood were appointed said committee.

R. Bird and J. M. Arnold were appointed a committee to forward to Bro. S. P. Murch an offering of contributions of the Conference for the relief of his family.

Rev. W. L. Farnum, as the representative from the Baptist Convention of Michigan, was introduced, and presented the fraternal greetings of their Convention.

Rev. H. M. Curtis, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced, represented the Synod with which he is connected, and bore its greetings to this body.

The following resolutions, offered by I. N. Elwood, were adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the fraternal greetings of the Baptist State Convention by Rev. Mr. Farnum, pastor of the Baptist Church in this city, and of the Synod of Michigan by Rev. Mr. Curtis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

Resolved, That we hereby appoint Rev. J. McEldowney to convey our Christian salutations to the Baptist Convention to be held at Coldwater, and Rev. R. B. Pope to perform the same office to the Presbyterian Synod to be held at Ann Arbor.

J. M. Arnold, Financial Secretary, was instructed by vote to send, at his option, fifty cents or one dollar's worth of the minutes of the Conference to each of its members holding charges, who has not subscribed, and to collect the amount of the same.

The following, offered by W. George, was adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, Rev. John Alabaster, D. D., has labored successfully for four years within the bounds of the Detroit Conference at two of our most important charges, viz., Ann Arbor and Tabernacle Church, Detroit, and has also rendered most effective service as a public lecturer;

And whereas, He has now been transferred to Indiana Conference; therefore;

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of Bro. Alabaster's labors among us, and our best wishes and prayers for his successful future, and that should he ever wish to return to Detroit Conference to stay with us, we assure him of our hearty welcome.—W. GEORGE, W. W. WASHBURN, C. T. ALLEN, R. B. POPE, WM. J. CAMPBELL.

C. M. Anderson was announced to open the session of to-morrow morning, and Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, September 18, 1883.

Conference re-assembled at the usual hour, Bishop Harris in the chair. Religious services were conducted by C. M. Anderson.

The journals of the fourth day's session, and of the fifth day's session, morning and afternoon, were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Northern Work was read by its chairman, and adopted. (See Report **III.**)

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed.

A. J. Richards completed his report of the Alpena district.

I. H. Riddick, Wm. M. Campbell, J. H. McIntosh, Wm. Donnelly, J. B. Russell, Franklin Bradley, C. L. Church, and L. P. Davis were examined. They reported their collections, and their characters passed.

L. W. Pilcher, Geo. R. Davis, DeWitt C. Challis, O. W. Willitts and Joseph F. Berry were called, examined, and their characters passed.

Question Thirty-three was called up.

An application from Albion to hold the next session of the Conference there was introduced.

Adrian, East Saginaw and Saginaw City were severally named and reported upon, and East Saginaw chosen.

S. L. Ramsdell and John Russell were at their own request granted a Superannuated relation.

T. H. Baskerville and Thos. Stalker, at their own request, were granted a Supernumerary relation.

Nathaniel Dickey, an Elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and Salem A. Dean, an Elder from the same Church, were each brought forward, their ministerial character and standing examined, and they were received on their credentials.

By a very large vote of the Conference, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. S. Smart to an Agency in Albion College.

The Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate Triers of Appeals. They did so, and Conference approved. (See answer to Question Twenty-eight.)

The Bishop announced:

To Preach Missionary Sermon—W. W. Ramsey; alternate, R. B. Pope.
To Preach Centenary Sermon—L. R. Fiske; alternate, W. W. Washburn.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1884.

For First Year—J. B. Goss, J. M. Gordon, Geo. Stowe.
For Second Year—C. H. Morgan, C. S. Eastman, W. J. Clack.
For Third Year—W. H. Shier, J. Horton, N. N. Clark.
For Fourth Year—H. C. Northrup, Wm. Smith, J. E. Jacklin.
For Admission on Trial—J. C. Wortley, E. E. Caster, R. Woodhams.
For Local Deacons—J. Hamilton, Wm. M. Campbell, L. Barnes.
For Local Elders—T. J. Joslin, Jesse Kilpatrick, D. A. Perrin.

The Church Extension Board was nominated and adopted.
(See page of Conference Officers.)

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The Presiding Elders reported on Missions and Appropriations as follows:

The following charges are constituted Missions, with the appropriations annexed:	
FLINT DISTRICT—	
Pine Run.....	\$ 50 00
Davidson.....	50 00
	<u>100 00</u>
SAGINAW DISTRICT—	
Millington.....	100 00
Kingston.....	50 00
Bayport.....	100 00
Ames Church.....	50 00
	<u>300 00</u>
PORT HURON DISTRICT—	
Capac.....	50 00
Sandusky.....	50 00
Bad Axe.....	50 00
Port Crescent.....	50 00
Tyre.....	50 00
Peck.....	50 00
Clifford.....	50 00
Mindon.....	50 00
Carsonville.....	50 00
Sand Beach.....	50 00
Imlay.....	50 00
Port Hope Mission.....	50 00
	<u>600 00</u>
MARQUETTE DISTRICT—	
District.....	<u>200 00</u>
Newberry and Dollar-ville.....	<u>100 00</u>
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—	
District.....	100 00
Donaldson.....	50 00
Pickford.....	50 00
St. Ignace.....	140 00
Sault Ste. Marie.....	50 00
	<u>500 00</u>
ALPENA DISTRICT—	
District.....	500 00
Roscommon.....	150 00
Indian River.....	125 00
Grayling.....	185 00
Long Rapids.....	150 00
Rifle River.....	75 00
Gaylord.....	150 00
Hallowell.....	100 00
West Branch.....	125 00
Sterling.....	100 00
	<u>390 00</u>
INDIAN MISSIONS.	
SAGINAW DISTRICT—	
Taymouth.....	\$ 150 00
MARQUETTE DISTRICT—	
Keweenaw.....	\$ 50 00
Munising.....	50 00
Cedar River.....	50 00
Superintendent.....	100 00
	<u>250 00</u>
ALPENA DISTRICT—	
Saganing and Pinconning.....	150 00
SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—	
Superintendent.....	100 00
Iroquois.....	50 00
	<u>150 00</u>
Total \$3,500 00	

The above appropriations are approved.—WM. L. HARRIS.

This resolution, offered by Arthur Edwards, was adopted:

Whereas, William Dawe was duly elected to Elder's Orders by the Detroit Annual Conference at the session in 1876, and was ordained an Elder by Bishop Ames on Sunday, September 8, 1876;

And whereas, The said William Dawe has lost the ordination parchment issued by Bishop Ames, who is now deceased; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to issue a certificate, bearing the signature of the present President and Secretary of the Detroit Conference, certifying the date and facts of the ordination, and the said certificate shall be authority to William Dawe to exercise the functions of his Eldership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following resolution, offered by Seth Reed, was adopted by unanimous rising vote:

We, the Detroit Conference, desire here to record our high appreciation of the presence and presidency over our body of Rev. Bishop Wm. L. Harris, LL. D. We shall be happy to welcome him to our Conference at our future sessions, and we shall also be highly gratified if he can, consistently with his duties, visit any part of

our borders in the interests of our annual sessions. We desire also to assure him that we will ever pray for God's blessing upon his great and useful labors.—M. HICKEY, S. REED, I. N. ELWOOD.

Reports from Committees on Education, on Periodicals, on the Centennial of the M. E. Church, on Bible Cause, on St. Ignace Church, were submitted, read, discussed, and reports adopted. (See Reports **I** to **III**.)

It was directed by vote that the \$400 loan, referred to in the fifth section of the report on St. Ignace Church, be referred to O. Whitmore for collection and payment.

The following paper, offered by I. E. Springer, was adopted:

Whereas, There are no present disciplinary provisions for the licensing of women as Exhorters and Preachers, the Methodist Episcopal Church being thereby deprived of the privilege of legally employing them in those departments of gospel work implied in the pentecostal promise, and freely practiced by Mr. Wesley;

And whereas, Facts have demonstrated that God has been pleased to place the seal of His divine sanction on the ministration of women in the preaching of the Word and public evangelistic work by granting large results in the salvation of souls;

And whereas, It is desirable to have the formal economy of that Church which claims to be the child of Providence fully harmonize with the past indications of Providence and the custom of early Methodism;

And whereas, It is occasionally desirable to employ the services of women as evangelists in our home fields, and especially desirable to have the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society legally licensed as Exhorters and Preachers to perform the gospel work of evangelism their respective fields demand; therefore,

Resolved, That the ensuing General Conference be and is hereby memorialized to make provisions for the licensing of women as Exhorters and Preachers, when, as in the case of men, by the tests of gifts, graces and usefulness, the Church is satisfied that God has called them thereunto.—ISAAC E. SPRINGER, W. E. BIGELOW, J. M. ARNOLD, A. J. BIGELOW, JOHN SWEET, W. GEORGE, JOHN WILSON, JOHN McELDONNEY.

The Conference Stewards reported. (See Questions Thirty and Thirty-one.)

The report of the Treasurer was accepted and adopted, with thanks.

REPORT OF DETROIT CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1883.	
Received from Detroit District	\$ 8,235 28
Received from Adrian District	5,800 17
Received from Flint District	3,713 77
Received from Saginaw District	2,517 18
Received from Port Huron District	1,854 61
Received from Lake Superior District	1,279 20
Received from Alpena District	690 20
Book Concern Dividend	319 00
Michigan Christian Advocate	150 00
Chartered Fund	30 00
Sabbath Collection	112 44
Carried over last year	7 36
Total.....	\$24,709 21

The foregoing has been disbursed as follows:

To Missions	\$10,154 55
To Woman's Foreign Missions	2,647 61
To Church Extension	1,172 16
To Freedmen's Aid Society	1,791 24
To Education	860 57
To Tract Cause	170 24
To Sunday School Union	198 08
To Bible Society	229 25
To Bishop's Fund	1,210 23
To Superannuated Preachers	2,570 59
To Northern Work	1,253 25
To Burnt District	452 86
To Monroe Church	1,966 72
To Metropolitan Church	13 25
To German sufferers	6 50
To Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society	19 20
To Conference Minutes	1 00
To Stationery, Supplies, Postage, etc	1 90
To balance cash on hand	5 46
 Total	 \$24,709 21

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID CASLER,
Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee reported this:

The Auditing Committee have carefully examined the vouchers for Missionary moneys appropriated within the bounds of the Detroit Annual Conference for the years 1882-3, and find them correct.—T. H. BASKERVILLE, H. W. WRIGHT, L. N. MOON.

It was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to publish in the Minutes the address of the Board of Bishops in regard to the Centenary year. Also to publish the proceedings of the Lay Electoral College. (For these see pages after Reports of Committees.)

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to the citizens of Flint for their royal entertainment of the Conference.

It was moved by Arthur Edwards, and adopted, that after the journals are read, religious services held, and the appointments announced, Conference stand adjourned.

The journal was read and approved, the Bishop read the appointments, the Doxology was sung, the Twenty-eighth Session of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was concluded, and the brethren went forth to make another year's history for the Church.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

JOHN McELOWNEY,
Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

ANSWER. Russell B. Pope, an Elder, from the Rock River Conference; Wm. W. Ramsay, an Elder, from the Pittsburgh Conference; Geo. W. Hudson, an Elder, from the Maine Conference; William Smith, an Elder, from the Kansas Conference; and T. G. Williams, a Probationer of the First Year, from the East Ohio Conference.

QUESTION 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

ANSWER. Henry Cartledge, William Petree, James W. Kennedy, Morgan H. Davis, Benjamin F. Forsythe, James Ivey, Samuel Plantz, Guy M. Bigelow, Abner H. Lucas, Frank L. Osborne, James McAllister, Samuel A. Oliver, George S. Scarr, Franklin Weaver, William Edmunds, John L. Foxton.

QUESTION 3. *Who Remain on Trial?*

ANSWER. Jesse Robins, James A. Lowry, Michael H. McMahon, Philip Lowry, James D. Halliday, Philip Price, Stephen L. Polkinghorne, Samuel Weir, William C. Kitchen, William B. Pope, Allen P. DeLong, Thomas G. Williams, Wang Chung Yun, Arthur H. DeLong, George B. Benedict, Horace G. Persons.

QUESTION 4. *Who are Discontinued?*

ANSWER. John W. Chapman, Charles W. Turrill, Francis A. Piper.

QUESTION 5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

ANSWER. Samuel Gilchriese, Perry R. Parrish, Benjamin Reeve, John Bettes, Austin Wilson, Rodney D. Robinson, Charles W. Barnum, Claudius B. Spencer, Charles E. Hill, George W. Jennings, George S. Davis, Walter Marks.

QUESTION 6. *Who are Re-admitted?*

ANSWER. Camden M. Cobern.

QUESTION 7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?*

ANSWER. Calvin M. Thompson, James D. Hubbell, Benjamin B. Rogers, Gilbert C. Squire, Nathaniel Dickey, and Salem A. Dean, each from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada; Wm. H. Poole from the Methodist Church of Canada; Joseph S. Mitchell from the United Methodist Free Churches of England.

QUESTION 8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

ANSWER. Charles W. Barnum, Claudius B. Spencer, Charles E. Hill, George W. Jennings, George S. Davis, Walter Marks.

QUESTION 9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

ANSWER. Charles W. Barnum, Claudius B. Spencer, Charles E. Hill, George W. Jennings, George S. Davis, Walter Marks.

QUESTION 10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

ANSWER. Philip Lowry, Abner H. Lucas, William F. Davis, Samuel B. Harris.

QUESTION 11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

ANSWER. Philip Lowry, Abner H. Lucas, William F. Davis, Samuel B. Harris.

QUESTION 12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

ANSWER. John B. Oliver, Samuel Edgecumbe, George L. Pearson.

QUESTION 13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

ANSWER. Matthew C. Hawka, Theodore P. Barnum, E. B. Bancroft, Edward A. Bray, Thomas B. McGee, George A. Walker.

QUESTION 14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

ANSWER. John M. Shank, Charles H. Morgan, Orton F. Winton, Wm. J. Bailey, Lambert E. Lennox, Eugene Yager.

QUESTION 15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

ANSWER. John M. Shank, Charles H. Morgan, Orton F. Winton, Wm. J. Bailey, Lambert E. Lennox, Eugene Yager.

QUESTION 16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. Wm. Allington, G. W. Owen, J. M. Arnold, H. Hodskiss, J. E. Whalen, A. F. Hoyt, P. O. Johnson, C. H. Talmadge, J. H. Morton, J. E. Parker, T. H. Baskerville, Thomas Stalker.

QUESTION 19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. Elijah H. Pilcher, J. W. Holt, Wesley Hagadorn, Thomas Seelye, A. R. Laing, Robert Bird, J. Milton Johnston, S. B. Kimmell, S. Bessey, S. Calkins, M. B. Wilsey, Wm. Benson, H. Hood, M. Hickey, E. R. Hascall, D. B. Tracy, F. A. Blades, R. McConnell, J. B. Varnum, R. C. Crane, E. Klumph, L. Mitchell, Andrew Bell, J. Dobbins, Luther Lee, T. Wakelin, Ira H. Camburn, Alexander Gee, Daniel W. Hammond, George H. Field, Samuel Clements, Ira W. Donelson, E. Westlake, T. C. Gardner, George Taylor, William Taylor, H. N. Brown, E. Steele, C. Mosher, Wm. M. Triggs, J. S. Sutton, S. J. Brown, O. Sanborn, Alfred Bourns, J. O. Bancroft, Alfred Allen, B. H. Hedger, Newell Newton, J. R. Noble, William Tuttle, B. F. Pritchard, A. B. Clough, L. H. Dean, E. H. Brockway, J. J. Hodge, W. Q. Burnett, G. M. Lyon, Wm. Birdsall, J. W. Crippen, James Ballis, R. Gage, T. Wilkinson, Isaac Wilcox, B. S. Taylor, J. A. Dunlap, S. L. Ramsdell, John Russell.—67.

QUESTION 20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

ANSWER. Yes; the names of the Preachers were all called in open session as the Journal shows, and their characters were examined as the Discipline requires.

QUESTION 21. *Have any Died?*

ANSWER. Yes; B. F. Cocker, John Gray, E. VanNorman, E. B. Prindle.

QUESTION 22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

ANSWER. Yes; R. S. Pardington to New York East Conference, J. M. Fuller to the Genesee Conference, John Alabaster to the Indiana Conference, J. H. Bayliss to the Cincinnati Conference.

QUESTION 23. *Have any Withdrawn?*

ANSWER. Yes; John A. Combs.

QUESTION 24. *Have any been Located at their own request?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 25. *Have any been Located?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 26. *Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 27. *Have any been Expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?*

ANSWER. A. R. Bartlett, J. M. Gordon, S. Clements, J. C. Wortley, O. J. Perrin, Joseph Frazer, I. N. Elwood.

QUESTION 29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference Year?*

ANSWER. See tables of Statistics.

QUESTION 30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER. Amounts necessary for Superannuates, Widows and Orphans, \$8,300.

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QUESTION 31. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. (1.) Received from all sources, \$2,628.62.

(2.) Applied and delivered as follows:

CLAIMANT.	BASIS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	ALLOWED
E. H. Pilcher	\$300	J. M. Campbell	\$ 95 01
J. W. Holt	300	Self	95 01
W. Hagadorn	200	Geo. Taylor	68 34
T. Seely	200	Self	68 34
A. R. Laing	200	Self	68 34
S. Beassey	300	S. Reed	95 01
R. C. Crane	100	M. Hickey	31 67
E. Klumph	200	L. C. York	68 34
L. Mitchell	200	Self	68 34
J. Dobbins	300	J. Horton	95 01
Luther Lee	200	O. Whitmore	68 34
T. Wakelin	200	Self	68 34
A. Gee	100	J. M. Arnold	31 67
D. W. Hammond	100	T. G. Potter	31 67
Geo H. Field	200	Self	68 34
S. Clements	150	Self	47 50
E. Westlake	200	E. E. Caster	68 34
Geo. Taylor	200	Self	68 34
Wm. Taylor	100	Self	31 67
E. Steele	100	R. B. Pope	31 67
Wm. M. Triggs	300	J. W. Hudson	95 01
S. J. Brown	100	John Russell	31 67
N. Newton	60	J. M. Arnold	15 84
J. R. Noble	100	Self	31 67
Wm. Tuttle	300	I. N. Elwood	95 01
B. F. Pritchard	100	Geo. Stow	31 67
A. B. Clough	100	J. F. Davidson	31 67
G. M. Lyon	100	H. W. Wright	39 67
Wm. Birdsall	200	Self	68 34
Mrs. John Gray	200	G. W. Jennings	68 34
Mrs. E. Bibbins	100	J. M. Campbell	31 67
Mrs. Geo. Wilson	300	C. Eastman	95 01
Mrs. A. W. Harding	200	G. W. Hudson	68 34
Mrs. I. C. Cochrane	100	R. B. Pope	31 67
Mrs. J. R. Cordon	200	J. M. Arnold	68 34
Mrs. J. Shank	100	I. E. Springer	31 67
Mrs. A. C. Shaw	100	J. M. Arnold	31 67
Mrs. R. Dubois	100	G. W. Hudson	31 67
Mrs. J. S. Priestly	300	J. M. Campbell	95 01
Mrs. Edwin Foster	200	H. W. Hicks	68 34
Mrs. R. Todd	100	J. M. Arnold	31 67
Mrs. G. N. Belknap	100	H. W. Hicks	31 67
Mrs. A. R. Hazen	200	J. McEldowney	68 34
Mrs. S. P. Lee	200	Self	68 34
Mrs. Wm. Fox	100	I. N. Elwood	31 67
Mrs. J. B. Atchinson	200	N. G. Lyons	68 34
Mrs. Wm. H. Hevener	50	J. M. Arnold	15 84
Mrs. E. VanNorman	200	O. Whitmore	68 34
Mrs. Wm. P. Maywood	50	Wm. W. Benson	15 84
			\$ 2,628 62

QUESTION 32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

ANSWER:

APPOINTMENTS—1883-4.

DETROIT DISTRICT—P. E., JOHN McELDONNEY. P. O., Detroit.

Belleville.....	B. B. Rogers.	Leesville.....	S. E. Warren.
Birmingham.....	G. W. Lowe.	New Boston—Supplied by Jno. Goodson.	
Brighton.....	S. A. Dean.	Pinckney.....	F. E. Pearce.
Dansville.....	D. J. Odell.	Plymouth.....	Samuel Plantz.
Dearborn.....	L. C. York.	Rawsonville Circuit.....	Jesse Robbins.
Denton.....	F. W. Warren.	Redford and Southfield, L. L. Houghton.	
Detroit: Cass Ave.....	W. W. Washburn.	Royal Oak.....	T. C. Higgins.
Central	W. W. Ramsay.	Salem and Northfield ...	To be supplied.
Fort Street—To be supplied,	Chas. M. Stuart.	South Lyon.....	W. W. Gifford.
Flat Rock.....	W. J. Clack.	Stockbridge.....	J. A. Lowry.
Fowlerville	Jesse Kilpatrick.	Trenton—To be supplied.	W. R. Jordan.
Greenfield—To be supplied—	D. B. Tracy.	Unadilla and North Lake....	Geo. Stow.
Howell.....	Wm. Smith.	Warren—To be supplied....	L. H. Dean.
Iosco and Marion—To be supplied,		Wayne.....	J. H. Kilpatrick.
Henry Marshall.		Weberville.....	J. H. Caster.
Arthur Edwards, Editor Northwestern Christian Advocate, member Central Quarterly Conference.		Whitmore Lake and Hamburg,	Henry Cartledge.
L. R. Fiske, President Albion College, member Central Quarterly Conference.		Williamston.....	J. G. Morgan.
W. X. Ninde, President Garrett Biblical Institute, member Central Quarterly Conference.		Wyandotte—To be supplied,	S. P. Warner.
J. S. Smart, Agent Albion College, member Central Quarterly Conference.		Ypsilanti	I. N. Elwood.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—P. E., WM. J. CAMPBELL. P. O., Adrian.

Addison.....	Alphonso Crane.	Hudson.....	D. R. Shier.
Adrian.....	John Atkinson.	Lambertville.....	F. L. Osborne.
Ann Arbor.....	R. B. Pope.	Lima and Sylvan.....	To be supplied.
Augusta.....	E. P. Pierce.	Manchester.....	A. B. Wood.
Blissfield.....	E. A. Bray.	Medina—To be supplied,	F. L. Ferguson.
Carlton and Schofield,	Sam'l Edgecumbe.	Milan and Oakville.....	O. F. Winton.
Chelsea.....	J. A. McIlwain.	Monroe.....	C. M. Cobern.
Clayton	W. E. Dunning.	Morenci.....	J. L. Hudson.
Clinton and Macon.....	J. M. Kerridge.	Napoleon and Brooklyn..	A. W. Wilson.
Deerfield.....	John Wesley.	Palmyra and Raisin Valley,	
Dexter.....	W. H. Benton.		M. H. McMahon.
Dixborough	J. M. Shank.	Petersburgh.....	Isaac Johnson.
Dundee.....	H. W. Wright.	Ridgeway.....	W. M. Campbell.
Fairfield.....	D. A. Curtis.	Saline.....	J. C. Wortley.
Franklin.....	Duke Whitley.	Sharon	Wm. Peirce.
Grass Lake	R. Woodhams.	Tecumseh.....	G. W. Hudson.
Henrietta.....	D. W. Gibberson.	Waterloo	Alonzo Whitcomb.

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FLINT DISTRICT.—P. E., SETH REED. P. O., Flint.

Argentine	To be supplied.	Holly	Joseph Frazer.
Bancroft	C. E. Benson.	Lapeer	James Venning.
Byron	Frederick Strong.	Linden	J. D. Halliday.
Clarkston	D. H. Yokum.	Milford	C. S. Eastman.
Commerce	C. M. Anderson.	Mt. Morris	J. E. Withey.
Davison	J. W. Kennedy.	Northville	M. H. Bartram.
Davisburg	L. S. Tedman.	Oak Grove	J. A. Rowe.
Farmington	To be supplied.	Ortonville	J. D. Hubbell.
Fenton	J. F. Davidson.	Otisville	To be supplied.
Flint, Court street	W. H. Shier.	Parshallville	E. E. Caster.
" Garland street	E. W. Frazee.	Perry	John Hamilton.
Flushing	J. B. Goss.	Pine Run	C. L. Church.
Gaines	To be supplied.	Pontiac	J. S. Joslin.
Goodrich	M. E. Lyons.	Seymour Lake	Edwin Craven.
Grand Blanc	A. R. Leing.	Swartz Creek	Calvin Gibbs.
Hadley	J. L. Walker.	Vernon	Charles Simpson.
Hazelton	T. P. Barnum.	Walled Lake	A. G. Blood.
Highland	R. C. Lanning.	Woodhull	To be supplied.
	O. Sanborn.		J. G. Kern.

D. C. Jacokes, Chaplain Eastern Michigan Insane Asylum, member Pontiac Quarterly Conference.

Francis Berry, Chaplain Michigan Military Academy, member of Pontiac Quarterly Conference.

SAGINAW DISTRICT—P. E., A. J. BIGELOW. P. O., S. Bay City.

Bay City	J. E. Jacklin.	Owosso	J. M. Gordon.
Bayport	To be supplied.	Oxford	H. O. Parker.
Bennington	R. D. Robinson.	Reese	To be supplied.
Bridgeport	Frank Weaver.	Rochester	Eugene Yager.
Caro	L. H. Riddick.	Saginaw City: Ames Church,	Benj. Reeve.
Caseville	John Sweet.		Washington Ave.
Cass City	Nathaniel Dickey.		I. E. Springer.
Chesaning	F. E. York.	St. Charles	Samuel Gilchriese.
Corunna	R. L. Cope.	South Bay City	O. J. Perrin.
East Saginaw	J. Wilson.	South Saginaw	H. W. Hicks.
Freeland	M. J. Scott.	Taymouth Indian Mission	To be supplied.
Henderson	J. B. Oliver.		J. W. Holt.
Ingersoll	T. B. McGee.	Troy	Horace Palmer.
Kingston	W. H. Allman.	Tuscola	C. W. Austin.
Laingsburgh	N. N. Clark.	Unionville	B. C. Moore.
Mayville	J. H. McCune.	Utica	Wm. W. Benson.
Midland	C. M. Tompson.	Vassar	H. S. White.
Millington	M. H. Davis.	Watrousville	Wm. J. Bailey.
Orion	J. G. Whitcomb.		

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PORT HURON DISTRICT—P. E., T. G. POTTER. P. O., Port Huron.

Adair—To be supplied	B. F. Davis.	Memphis.....	J. G. Sparling.
Algonaac “ “ John Armstrong.		Metamora.....	L. N. Moon.
Almont	J. W. Jennings.	Minden and White Rock...	John Bettes.
Armada.....	Thos. Nichols.	Mt. Clemens.....	J. F. Berry.
Attica and Dryden.....	H. Nankervis.	Mt. Vernon	J. H. Curnalia.
Bad Axe	A. P. DeLong.	New Haven	A. H. Lucas.
Brockway.....	A. J. Holmes.	North Branch	G. A. Walker.
Burnside—To be supplied..	A. H. Morse.	Peck	J. L. Foxton.
Carsonville.....	James McAlister.	Port Austin—To be supplied,	
Clifford.....	Wm. Edmunds.		H. Chapin.
Capac	S. A. Oliver.	Port Crescent and Meade.	J. H. Hopkin.
Crosswell	G. B. Benedict.	Port Hope	T. H. Huckle.
Downington.....	Walter Marks.	Port Huron	W. H. Poole.
Five Lakes.....	To be supplied.	Port Sanilac	J. B. Russell.
Flynn.....	To be supplied.	Richmond.....	Samuel Bird.
Forester.....	To be supplied.	Romeo.....	C. H. Morgan.
Fort Gratiot.....	W. C. Way.	Ruby.....	Geo. Nixon.
Imlay City	Austin Wilson.	St. Clair.....	H. C. Northrup.
Lakeport.....	C. W. Barnum.	Sand Beach	Frederick Coates.
Lexington—To be supplied..	Dr. Lucas.	Sandusky.....	G. S. Scarr.
Marine City.....	Jacob Horton.	Tyre	A. H. DeLong.
Marlette.....	H. G. Persons.	Washington.....	Lemon Barnes.
Marysville.....	G. L. Davis.		

ALPENA DISTRICT—P. E., L. P. DAVIS. P. O., West Bay City.

Alcona and Black River.	To be supplied.	Otsego Lake.....	Samuel Weir.
Alpena.....	T. J. Joslin.	Pinconning and Saganing Indian	
Cheboygan—To be supplied..	J. B. Lee.	Mission.....	To be supplied.
East Tawas	N. G. Lyons.	Presque Isle.....	To be supplied.
Gaylord and Vanderbilt..	P. J. Wright.	Rifle River and AuGres..	To be supplied.
Grayling	B. F. Forsythe.	Roscommon.....	C. E. Hill.
Greenbush	To be supplied.	Sterling and Maple Ridge,	
Harrisville.....	J. H. McIntosh.		To be supplied.
Hallowell	To be supplied.	Tawas City.....	E. B. Bancroft.
Indian River and Riggsville,	To be supplied.	West Bay City ..	M. C. Hawks.
Long Rapids Circuit....	Wm. Donnelly.	West Branch and Churchill,	
Ogemaw.....	To be supplied.		To be supplied.
Oscoda.....	Franklin Bradley.	Woodside Avenue and Banks,	
Oscoda Indian Mission..	To be supplied.		W. B. Pope.

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LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—P. E., DAVID CASLER. P. O. Marquette.

Atlantic Mine and Hurontown, A. S. Fair.	
Calumet.....	P. R. Parrish.
Cedar River and Indian Mission, To be supplied.	
Champion and Michigamme, D. A. Perrin.	
Cherry Creek and Munising Mission,— To be supplied.....	F. J. Brown.
Crystal Falls.....	To be supplied.
Escanaba and Felch Mountain, H. W. Thompson.	
Hancock.....	A. R. Bartlett.
Houghton.....	L. E. Lennox.
Iron Mountain.....	J. S. Mitchell.
Iron River.....	To be supplied.
Ishpeming.....	J. M. Van Every.
Kewawenon Mission—To be supplied, S. W. Ladu.	
Lake Linden.....	D. B. Millar.
L'Anse and Pequaming.....	W. George.
Marquette	J. P. Varner.
Menominee and Stephenson—To be supplied.....	Wm. Dowlan.
National and Boston, S. L. Polkinghorne.	
Negaunee.....	G. H. Hastings.
Norway.....	T. G. Williams.
Ontonagon and Noneuch, To be supplied.	
Oceola and Alloway.....	T. G. Omans.
Pewabic—To be supplied...R. Wrench.	
Phoenix and Central	Philip Lowry.
Quinnesec and Hermansville, To be supplied.	
Republic and Humbolt.....	Wm. Cook.
Rockland and Greenland	James Ivey.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—P. E., W. E. BIGELOW. P. O.

Donaldson—To be supplied..A. R. Kay.	Manistique .. ....J. W. Campbell.
Detour and Drummond Island, To be supplied.	Newberry and Dollarville, G. M. Bigelow.
Fayette and Garden Bay, To be supplied.	Pickford..... Philip Price.
Grand Marais and Seney, To be supplied.	St. Ignace.....G. C. Squire.
Iroquois Mission and Bay Mills, To be supplied.	Sault Ste. Marie .....W. E. Bigelow.
G. L. Pearson, David McFawn, Missionaries to Arizona.	Shunk Road, Hay Lake and Sugar Island .....To be supplied.
L. W. Pilcher, G. R. Davis, O. W. Willits, Missionaries to China.	
D. C. Challis, Missionary to Bulgaria.	
W. C. Kitchen, Missionary to Japan.	
A. J. Richards, Agent Frontier Work, member West Bay City Quarterly Conference.	

QUESTION 33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. At East Saginaw, Michigan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[Names of Chairmen only are given here. For other names of Committeemen see the Journal.]

[A.]

MEMOIRS.

While our Father's loving eye has been upon us all during the past year, and His arm has been round about us, still it has pleased Him to call an unusually large number of our preachers and preachers' wives from their homes here to His own home above. We meet to-day to remember the virtues of the departed; to think of the blessed work in which they were engaged, and to pray that we may be as well prepared, as we believe they were, to receive the invitation: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

JOHN GRAY. On the 10th of December, 1882, near Dryden, Michigan, Rev. John Gray entered into his rest. Bro. Gray was born in Worcester, Mass., Dec'r 4th, 1808. He was converted at a camp meeting held near Lockport, N. Y., in June, 1829. He immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and entered upon active Christian work, filling the office of class leader during the first four years of his membership. He was early licensed as a local preacher, and, coming to the West, gave himself to the traveling ministry. He was one of the pioneers of Methodism in this State, being admitted on trial in the Michigan Conference in September, 1839. His first appointment was to the Palmyra Circuit, Maumee District, which circuit then embraced a large tract of Southern Michigan and quite a strip of Northern Ohio. That year he organized the classes in Gorham, Ohio, and Blissfield, Mich. At the close of his first year he was ordained Deacon on his Local Preacher's certificate, by Bishop Hedding at the Marshall Conference. In 1840 he was appointed to Dundee, in 1841-2 to Dearbornville; in 1843-4 to Mt. Clemens; in 1845-6 to Clarkston; in 1847 to Lapeer; in 1848 to Almont. This year his arduous labors began to tell upon his strong constitution, and he was obliged to take a superannuated relation. After four or five years he measurably regained his health, and was again made effective. He was appointed to Oxford Circuit in 1853-4; to Washington Circuit in 1855; to Armada Circuit in 1856-7, and to Dryden in 1858. In 1859, having lost his hearing from the effects of sickness, he was compelled again, though much to his regret, to accept a superannuated relation. He purchased a small farm near Dryden, on which he labored during the remaining years of his life and strength. But Bro. Gray did not cease his work for the Lord when he ceased to draw his salary as an effective minister. He loved to preach the gospel; with him it was almost a passion, and he preached long after he had ceased to hear a sound on earth, even the sound of his own voice. Bro. Gray was twice married: On May 1st, 1838, to Miss Luanna Jones, with whom he spent several years of happiness. After her death, on May 25, 1851, he was married to Eliza C. VanAntwerp, who survives him, as do five of his children. Bro. Gray's education was such only as the district schools of the country afforded at the time of his youth; but it was well supplemented by strong common sense, by earnest application to his Conference studies, and by a faithful study of the Scriptures. He was a thoroughly earnest, spiritual preacher, and in prayer he was mighty. Though he had never seen a college diploma, yet he was very successful in saving souls and in building up the Church.

MRS. LOUISE YAGER. On the 11th of February, 1883, from the parsonage in Royal Oak, Mich., the soul of Mrs. Louise, wife of Rev. Eugene Yager, was called to her home above. Her maiden name was Wilson. She was born in Orleans county, N. Y., August 18, 1834. She was converted in Rochester, N. Y., about ten years ago, and at the same altar with Bro. Yager. They were married May 1, 1879, and although their married life was of short duration it was replete with happiness. As a pastor's wife she proved a valuable helper. Her trust in her Saviour was so strong that when she knew that she must soon part with her husband and those who were dear to her here, she said, "Thy will, O God, be done." As she bade her friends, one by one, good-bye, she said, "Don't weep; all is well; all is bright."

MRS. HARRIET BESSEY. On February 27, 1883, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Harriet, wife of Rev. Samuel Bessey, now a superannuated member of the Detroit Conference, entered into her rest and reward. She was born at Lysander, Onondaga county, N. Y., March 28, 1817. She came to Michigan in 1836; was married to S. Bessey, August 22, 1838. She was converted when a child, but made no

public profession for some years. She at first joined the Christian Church, but after a few years changed her membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church. She met the responsibilities and bore the privations of an itinerant life in a new and sparsely settled country with patience; always making friends where she lived by her amiable Christian qualities. During her short and painful sickness her mind was clear and her faith unfaltering. A little while before her death she exclaimed "No name so sweet as Jesus." We believe she would repeat the same could she speak to us again. What a blessing must be the memory of such a wife to the now lonely, superannuated Bro. Bessey.

BENJAMIN F. COCKER. From his home in Ann Arbor, on the 8th of April, 1883, the great soul of Benjamin F. Cocker, D. D., LL. D., entered into glory. He was born in Yorkshire, England, of Wesleyan parents, in 1821. He was converted in early life, and was a local preacher in the Wesleyan Church at the age of 18 years. He was educated at King James' Grammar School for one of the learned professions, but spent a considerable portion of his life in active business. In 1850, his health failing, he sought a change of climate by going to Australia. He spent several years in business, with varied fortunes, in Australia and the islands of the Southern Ocean. In the winter of 1856-7 he came to the United States, landing in Adrian, Mich. It was there and then, at the age of 36, that he determined to abandon forever his business pursuits, and to give himself to the gospel ministry, a course to which his convictions had long pointed. To the Detroit Conference, at its session in 1857, he offered himself, and was received on trial, and two years after was received to membership. His first appointment was to the country neighborhood of Palmyra, where he had preached as a Supply under the Elder for a few months previous to the session of the Conference. It was here in the little low-roofed chamber of the parsonage, as he afterwards said, that he did the hardest, and to him the most profitable, work of his life. In 1858 he was appointed to Adrian station; in 1860 to Ypsilanti; in 1862 to Ann Arbor; in 1865, the term of ministerial labor in one charge having then been lengthened, he was again appointed to Adrian; and in 1868 again to Ann Arbor. In 1869 he was appointed to the Central Church, in Detroit. He did not, however, enter upon the pastorate of that church. The Regents of the University of Michigan had discovered the distinguishing merit and brilliant powers of the man, and, about the same time that he received his appointment to the Central Church, he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University. On receiving information of his election, he said to the writer of this sketch, "I would rather occupy that Chair than be the President of the United States; by the grace of God I will teach philosophy in that institution as it has never been taught," and by the grace of God he did. It was then that the rich endowments of his nature found ample scope for their development. As teacher, preacher and author, and more as a noble Christian man, he impressed himself upon the gathered intellect of the University as no other man had ever done. During the thirteen years and more that he held the position, his power as a Christian thinker and teacher seemed to unfold in wonderful proportions, so that the majesty of his manhood and the brilliancy of his intellect attracted the attention of the great thinkers and teachers in both hemispheres of our world. Dr. Cocker was physically a feeble man, and during all his years of intense mental activity and public labors he carried on an almost ceaseless struggle with disease. Many times his friends thought he must go down, yet in cheerfulness and triumph he wrought on, until, in December last, he was seized with acute pneumonia. For weeks he lay prostrate under the attack; sometimes rallying a little, and, by the cheerfulness of his spirit, giving hopes of his recovery to the thousands of anxious friends who watched for the daily reports from the sick room. But the contest was unequal, and the all-wise Father had willed to take him to Himself. On the 8th of April his strength finally gave way, and he was rescued from longer struggle. The closing scenes of his life were such as to inspire with sublime trust and comfort all his friends. His views of the spiritual world seemed unclouded, and the conscious presence of the Divine One, in whom he trusted, made him joyously triumphant. Said he: "This chamber has been to me the dearest place I have ever seen; it is the very gate of Heaven, because of the precious communings my Saviour has granted to me here." To his bereaved companion, who had been one with him for forty years, and to his two sons also to all his friends in all parts of the world, such dying testimony is of inestimable value. How we shall miss the great man in our assemblies. How he will be missed by thousands on earth. But how he was welcomed by the great spirits in glory. May we all meet him there.

MRS. ELLEN WARREN. In Utica, Michigan, on Sabbath, April 15, 1883, Mrs. Ellen, wife of Rev. Squire E. Warren, of the Detroit Conference, in the 51st year of her age, bade farewell to earthly friends and joined the ranks above. Her native place was Coddington, Genesee county, N. Y. She came with her father's family to Macomb, Michigan, while yet a youth. She was converted to God at 15 years of age, under the labors of Rev. David Thomas, and entered immediately upon active Christian work, which she continued with great usefulness to the day of her death. In her 18th year she was married to Bro. S. E. Warren. No wedded pair shared more completely each other's care and affection than did they during the thirty-three years of their earthly union: and the three children God gave them grew to

manhood and womanhood in one of the most affectionate homes of earth. After ten years of their married life had been spent in their pleasant home in Macomb, her husband, yielding to strong convictions of duty in which she fully shared, entered the itinerant ministry. In exchanging the comforts of home for the embarrassments of their new life, her mind and heart seemed to gather increased strength and ambition for the greater usefulness afforded by the broader fields of labor. On every charge where they lived, her social and christian influence was a decided and acknowledged factor in her husband's successful ministry. Long will her name be cherished in the memories of those among whom she lived and labored, and many there are to whom her life was a blessing. Her death came without warning, but she was ready. On the Thursday before she died she received an injury by the overturning of a carriage. She suffered much pain until Sunday morning, when, instead of going to the house of the Lord as had been her delight during her whole religious life, her soul entered the grand assembly of the saints, made perfect by the Blood of the Lamb.

Mrs. SARAH RIDDICK. In Detroit, on the 17th of July, 1883, Mrs. Sarah, wife of Rev. J. H. Riddick, of the Detroit Conference, closed her earthly duties and entered her home above. Sarah Thompson was born in 1846, in Norwich, N. Y. In the morning of her life, under the Christian influences of her early home, she gave her heart to Jesus and her name to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she lived a happy and useful Christian till the day of her departure. On the 25th of May, 1876, she was united in marriage to Bro. Riddick, and the seven short years of their united life were marked by strong affection for each other, by mutual zeal for the glory of Christ, and earnest labor for the salvation of souls. She was his true helper in the work of his ministry till compelled by disease to retire from her social activities and to await the coming of the messenger, which she did with trust and with triumph. She leaves numerous friends in Alpena, the place of her husband's present pastorate, as she does in every place where she has lived.

ELIAS B. PRINDLE. On the 23d of July, 1883, at his home in Sanborn, Dakota, in the 63d year of his age, Rev. Elias B. Prindle, of the Detroit Conference, was smitten by a stroke of lightning, and instantly ushered into the scenes of eternity. Bro. Prindle was born in the State of New York in 1820. At an early day he came to Michigan, and in the fall of 1853 he offered himself to the Michigan Conference, and was received on trial; and into full membership by the Detroit Conference at its first session, in Adrian, in 1866. His appointments were counted: In 1853 to Pinckney, in 1854 to Williamsville, in 1855 to Antrim, in 1856-7 to Chesaning, in 1858-9 to Byrne, in 1860 to Ingham, in 1861 to Bennington, in 1862 to Hartland, in 1863 to Forest, in 1864 to Holly. In 1865 he retired on the superannuated list, and settled at Flint, where he remained about two years, when he removed to Ann Arbor and engaged in business. In 1877 he was again made effective, and appointed to Unadilla circuit, but, his health proving inadequate, he again retired from the work and moved to Paoli, Kansas, and afterwards to Sanborn, Dakota, where he bought some land and engaged in farming. Bro. Prindle was a pure-minded man, and a faithful, useful minister. Unassuming in his manners, he won upon the hearts of the people by his earnest piety, his humility, and devotion to his work. Both in the effective ranks and as a superannuate, he worked up to the measure of his ability. Of his early religious experience we have no information; but there is no doubt of his readiness for the sudden call of the Master, and that the smiting of His thunderbolt was but the painless smiting of his soul into glory. He leaves a wife to whom he had been married about a year, his first wife having died several years ago. Ida, his only child, also survives him.

Mrs. ANN WORTLEY. By a strange and fatal collision on the Roine, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railway, near Carlyon, N. Y., at half-past nine o'clock in the dark evening of July 27th, 1883, the spirit of Mrs. Ann, wife of Rev. Jacob C. Wortley, of the Detroit Conference, was instantly ushered into the spirit world. She had, the day before, left her own happy home in the village of Saline, Mich., the place of her husband's pastorate, for a short trip to the White Mountains, to gaze upon their scenery and to breathe mountain air. In an instant the crash came, and Sister Wortley was carried to other mountains, and opened her eyes on other scenes, over which no dark cloud shall ever cast its dismal shade. It was not until the next Monday morning that the terrible news reached the husband and his children that he was for the second time a widower. On that day her mortal remains were brought home, and were carried to Unadilla, the place of her former home, and were laid to rest beside those of her parents and other relatives who had gone before. Mrs. Wortley's maiden name was Bird. She was born in Ann Arbor, Nov. 13th, 1839. She was converted and received to the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of 11 years, and she witnessed a good confession to the day of her death. She was married to Bro. Wortley, May 7th, 1878, and as a wife, a step-mother to his children, and a Christian in the community, her influence was a perpetual benediction.

EPHRAIM VANORMAN. On the 28th of August, 1883, at Neosho Falls, Kansas, Rev. Ephraim Vanorman, of the Detroit Conference, was released from protracted bodily suffering and taken to his eternal rest. He was born near Hamilton, Canada, Aug.

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1st, 1814. His education was gained principally in the common schools of the country, but he early formed habits of study which he followed through life. From early life he was the subject of deep religious convictions, and at the age of 17 was converted to God. He immediately began to warn men to flee from the wrath to come and to lay hold on eternal life. It was apparent to the church that he was called of God to the work of the ministry, and his youth and early manhood was spent in missionary work in Canada. He came to Michigan, and in 1837 offered himself, and was received to membership in the Detroit Conference. Bro. Vanorman was three times married: in 1837, to Phebe McClair; in 1845, to Margaret Sanderson; in 1863, to Frances Beadle, who survives him. As a minister he was faithful; as a Christian he was deeply devoted to God. His bodily suffering for over a year before his death was severe, but he was sustained by God's grace which enabled him to praise and shout his way through. He died well.

To all the bereaved friends of all the nine families represented in the sad services of this day, we, the members of the Detroit Conference, extend our heartfelt sympathy, and to God our Father shall our prayers ascend for his sustaining grace.

—S. REED, Ch'n.

[B.]

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

With the origin, object and history of the Freedmen's Aid Society we are all familiar. Its practical workings may be learned from our Church Manual. Relating, as it does to the education, elevation and salvation of the millions of Freedmen in our land, its importance cannot easily be over stated. The noble band of heroic teachers from the North have done, and are still doing a great work. The schools of various grades and characters established by the Society are a great blessing to the country. The army of teachers and preachers, educated to a greater or less extent in these schools, are scattering blessings to many benighted hearts and communities. But how inadequate the agencies now in the field to the work of giving a Christian education to the vast multitudes who might be gathered into our schools if located within their reach. If educated and saved at all it must be largely through the agency of their own people. Multitudes should be educated for teachers and sent all over the land. Intelligent colored preachers are much needed; many now in the field are totally unqualified for their holy calling, and unless their places can be occupied by persons of more intelligence our cause and the cause of Christ must suffer great loss. They need also educated persons for the professions, and positions of responsibility open to them, and the masses cannot be elevated to any considerable extent without education. Nothing short of a genuine Christian education will meet their necessities, and God will hold us responsible for doing our share towards giving them such an education.

Resolved, therefore:

1. That we heartily approve the action of the Society in asking for \$125,000 for the cause the coming year, instead of \$100,000 as in former years.
2. That we respectfully ask the Board of Presiding Elders to apportion the \$2,500 asked of this Conference among the several districts, and that the several Presiding Elders apportion the amounts asked of their respective districts among their charges.
3. That we will present the subject to our people during the coming year, and put forth an earnest effort to raise our several apportionments.
4. That we approve the suggestion of our Bishops that the Freedmen's Aid Society be made one of the beneficiaries of the proposed centennial offerings, and we respectfully request the General Conference to include this among the objects for which money shall be asked.—W. E. BIGELOW, Ch'n.

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CHURCH EXTENSION.

The "Church Extension" Society is pushing on in its work, and, we believe, rapidly growing in favor with the people. Certainly, its achievements challenge the admiration of all thoughtful men, and the years as they come and go, only add to its efficiency and its glory.

We, of the Detroit Conference, are deeply indebted to the Society for its timely and generous aid in erecting churches for those of our people who were unable to build without assistance. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize and will bring before our people the claims which this society has for a generous support.—C. T. ALLEN.

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PARSONAGES.

Your committee are gratified to learn that a good degree of attention has been given during the last year to the providing of homes for our preachers in charges that have hitherto been without. There are yet, however, a number of charges where no such homes are provided. While most of our Parsonages and grounds are cared for and kept with a taste becoming the position of its occupants, some are allowed to become too untidy and dilapidated in their appearance. There is indebtedness also on some of our Parsonages.

As the coming year is to be observed as a centennial by our Church, and as the Bishops have recommended, among other things to be attempted during that year, the payment of debts on parsonages; therefore:

Resolved, That Pastors on charges that are without good, suitable Parsonages be urged to do all possible to secure and pay for convenient houses for such purposes during the next year; also, that all reasonable effort be made to remove encumbrance from such as are now in debt.—J. B. GOSS, *Ch'n.*

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Every year's experience strengthens the hold of the Sunday School upon the mind and heart of the Church. While its prosperity the past year may not have been uniform, it has, as a whole, maintained a healthy and substantial growth. Its right to life and progress is unquestioned. The increase of absorbing worldly interests and the numerous moral problems ever arising for solution, demand its continuance as an essential moral and religious agency. It is in the Church and of the Church and inseparable from the Church. It is God's Bible School for all classes and all ages. Its primary and ultimate aim is the salvation of souls. Its peculiar weapon is the Word of God. Its reliance is the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School develops the moral and spiritual capabilities of the Church, both by serving and by being served. The conditions of its success are identical with those upon which the prosperity of the Church depends, viz: Full consecration to God and the good sense and patience and perseverance and wisdom and invention and zeal of Christ's love enthroned in the heart. From the right spirit will come right methods and lesson helps. We regard the use of our own denominational tools in this workshop of the Church as both consistent and expedient. The Berean Leaf, the Teachers' Journal and the Picture Lesson Paper need no commendation. If our publishers would issue an edition of our Hymnal accommodated to the Sunday School in form and price we believe it would displace much of the light and inferior sort now in use. An acquaintance with our Hymns would not only be spiritually wholesome for the schools but would also build up the public and social meetings of the Church. The responsibility of the Church in the direction of Sunday School work is increasing. The advancing secular educational agencies afford the wicked, means to cast in the way of the young more and subtler forms of vice against which they must be forearmed. Infidelity, intemperance, popular amusements and a false and foul literature are actively inventing new means of decoying our young people. It devolves upon each Church to meet and vanquish these foes by means of thorough instruction in the Truth, by means of temperance and religious papers and tracts; by means of a library carefully selected and as large as can be afforded, and by means of genuine Christian songs.—R. WOODHAMS, *Ch'n.*

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TEMPERANCE.

The traffic in intoxicating drinks is as widespread and defiant to-day as ever, and will yield neither to wholesome argument nor the restraint of civil law. It demands universal liberty to work out its deeds of ruin and death. It demands the privilege of entering our homes to make drunkards of our sons, and cast blight and ruin upon the hopes of our daughters. It demands the right to enter every grade of our social life, corrupt the morals of the people and sap the foundations of our social institutions. It would abolish the sacredness of the Sabbath, and make the day one of pleasure and beer drinking. It would drive the Bible from the common schools, and make childhood itself the victim of debauchery and strong drink. The traffic knows no law of human kindness or sympathy, and remains unmoved by the tears of broken-hearted wives and the shame and degradation that it casts upon

helpless and innocent children. It does not blush at the crimes it originates, at the sufferings it produces, nor at the hopes it destroys. What then shall we do with this deadly traffic? Shall we appeal to the facts? The rumseller cared neither for your facts nor their results. Will you appeal to argument and sound principles? The rumseller will smile at your credulity to think he is to be turned aside from his nefarious business by either logic or principle. Will you appeal to the political parties for redress? You will find that the liquor men have been there before you, and that the two leading political parties are so under the control of the liquor interests that they crouch and whimper before it like whipped urchins, and that they dare not lift a finger only at the beck of whiskey. What then shall we do? We answer: Let every temperance man rally to the principle of positive prohibition as the only sure method of settling this important question. Let no temperance man ever deceive himself by supposing that tax or license, be it high or low, will ever suppress this gigantic evil. Prohibition, constitutional and legislative, should be the goal towards which all our efforts tend, and the sooner we come to understand this, the sooner will our hopes be realized and intemperance be banished from our land.

In view of the importance of this subject we would offer the following resolutions.

First. That we will use every lawful means to create a healthy, public sentiment upon the subject of intemperance.

Second. That we will not support by our influence or ballots, any political party that refuses to submit to the people the question of constitutional prohibition and that does not strive by all legitimate means to suppress the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Third. That we sympathize with Iowa in her endeavors to incorporate the principle of prohibition into her State Constitution, and will ever pray for her success.

We would also recommend Rev. H. Hodgkiss, a member of this Conference, as an able lecturer upon the subject of temperance, and assure any Brother who may wish to secure his services that he will give good satisfaction.—A. J. BIGELOW, *Ch'n.*

[G.]

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Since every command that God has ever given to man is in complete harmony with man's physical, intellectual, and moral nature, and conformity to the same is the highest form of freedom, prosperity, and happiness of which any finite being is capable; therefore:

Resolved., 1. That we shall make the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath among the most prominent themes of our pulpit ministrations, as well as to illustrate our teachings wherever we go.

Resolved., 2. That we shall only recognize as intelligent symmetrical Bible Christians, such as incorporate in their lives a sacred observance of the spirit of the Christian Sabbath.—J. H. MCINTOSH, *Ch'n.*

[H.]

FRONTIER WORK.

To the Bishop and Members of the Detroit Annual Conference:

Your Committee on "Frontier Work" respectfully submit the following:

When at our Session in 1878, this Conference adopted special measures for the planting of our Church in Northern Michigan, we anticipated only a temporary departure from our regular system of operations. The expediency and wisdom of the plan then inaugurated has been fully demonstrated in the marked success which has crowned our labors, not only within the territory then appealing for aid, but more signally in the more imperative necessities of that section, which was rendered dependent and helpless by the disastrous fire of 1881. Our achievements upon the frontier during the last four years will even constitute one of the grandest chapters in the history of Michigan Methodism. Our Church has shown its readiness to respond to the appeal of our needy frontier population; and the self-sacrificing labors of our ministry in "the regions beyond" prove that the heroic age of Methodism has not passed. Already not less than thirty-five church edifices stand as a memorial of the energy of our advance, the liberality of our people and the generous aid of the Church Extension Society. Yet these are a partial index only, of the real work which has been accomplished in penetrating the wilderness, rallying our scattered membership, organizing societies and charges, and establishing upon an enduring foundation the spiritual forces of the Church.

In view of past appeals and the imminent claims that will press upon the benevolence of our people during the centennial year, we would now gladly resign our frontier to the regular agencies of the Church, did not the imperative necessities of the territory which the General Conference under the Great Head of the Church has assigned to the Detroit Conference for its efficient occupancy, demand special provision. Your Committee are confident that no interest more sacred or prospectively more remunerative than the prosecution of our frontier work can be commended to the liberality of our people during the coming year. The emergency that called into existence our special frontier agencies not only exists in all its magnitude, but that frontier has been greatly extended by commercial agencies, which have more than trebled the population entirely destitute of any religious oversight. We have, indeed, planted Churches along the shore, in the burnt district, and in the more important railroad towns, but we have been able to do comparatively nothing for the rural communities in the interior. Not only in the lower peninsula to which our appropriations have been chiefly directed, but in the large agricultural district embraced between St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, and Menominee River, settlers are pouring in at a rate which defies our effectual care. A large proportion of these are of American birth, notably from Canada, and many are of Methodist faith or proclivities. It is needless to argue the advantages which we secure, both in the pecuniary aid of leading men, the loyalty of our former members, and enduring prestige in the community, by being first in the field. We have acquired the undisputed honor of being a pioneer Church, and we have the men, the means, and we trust the Godly zeal to "see that no man take our crown." But this is the auspicious hour in which to assert our interest in this destitute population by giving them an Armenian Gospel, our peculiar means of grace, and economy. A dollar extended through our itinerant agencies upon the frontier accomplish more than if distributed through other systems. But still we need the means, and must have it from abroad, in order to do aggressive work. We ought this year to expend \$10,000 in the support of pioneer preachers, which under our system would secure the support of fifty men on the frontier. If it were not hazardous we should recommend that a vigorous man be employed for the whole year supervising this special work, as prevails in other denominations. But the sum we may be able to realize from special contributions will be required to give the men who are soon to be sent into this territory a bare subsistence. We do therefore recommend:

1. That we undertake to raise during the coming year the sum of \$4,000, to be expended in the support of our ministers upon the frontier.

2. That a Committee of twelve, to consist of five laymen and of seven ministers, be constituted as a "Board of Control," who shall apportion this amount among the districts, and to the several charges, and who shall supervise its disbursement.

3. That the Conference request every Pastor to take this collection prior to January 1st, 1884, and that he use all practicable effort by such other means as he shall deem expedient to raise his full quota.

4. That in view of the fact that Rev. A. J. Richards, in the prosecution of his work upon Alpena District has been compelled to assume moral and financial obligations which are still valid, and which can only be discharged in the completion of the Churches now in course of erection, that he be employed as agent of our frontier work, to receive until January 1st, 1884, a salary of \$250, and traveling expenses not to exceed \$100, and that the Bishop be requested to make this appointment.

5. Your Committee further recommend that the Board of Control be constituted as follows: Laymen—Hon. T. C. Owen, David Preston, Geo. O. Robinson and C. B. Howell, of Detroit; and George Robinson, of Mt. Clemens. Ministers—R. B. Pope, Wm. H. Shier, J. M. Gordon, O. J. Perrin, A. R. Bartlett, W. M. Campbell and J. M. Arnold; and that David Preston be Treasurer and C. B. Howell Secretary.

6. In conclusion we submit the following:

Resolved. That we desire to express our hearty appreciation of the services of Rev. A. J. Richards, our grateful and deep sense of the liberality of the Church Extension Society, and our thanks for the increased appropriations of the Missionary Society, which have especially aided in the prosecution of our frontier work. J. M. ARNOLD, *Ch'n.*

[I.]
EDUCATION.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the subject of Education, respectfully beg leave to report.

In recognition of the fact that religion in its most permanent and valuable types can only be promoted in connection with general intelligence, the Church continues to manifest a lively interest in Education, not only as conducted by the Church itself, but as carried forward in the public schools and higher institutions under the patronage of the State. And we consider it advisable to place on record here our high appreciation of the public educational system which has contributed so greatly to the progress and glory of our State, and our unfaltering friendliness towards all

public schools, whether of primary or higher grades. And your Committee would here advise that we pledge ourselves anew to an intelligent and prudent watchfulness in the communities in which we labor, that the schools be kept as free as possible from the so-called liberal tendencies which characterize our times. Surely as molders of public opinion we can do much if we make an effort, to prevent each and all of our public educational institutions from falling into the hands of men who have no sympathy with Christ and His cause.

But while we have responsibilities in common with others, for the right conduct of the public institutions of learning, we feel that to us has been committed a special trust in the schools and colleges which the Church has originated and which she is seeking to maintain. To us it is not an open question as to whether it is the duty of the Church to foster institutions for higher education which are under her exclusive control. Sooner should we expect the State to demand higher education into the hands of the Church, than that the Church should resign the work upon which she has been impelled by the most profound convictions of duty to enter. The fact is among us everywhere conceded that for the stability and growth of the Church, schools and colleges in her ownership and control are a necessity. And it is our unchanged purpose to stand by the institutions we have, and establish others as they may be needed.

Your Committee are highly gratified with the condition of the Garrett Biblical Institute as represented in the documents handed us by the honored President of the Institute, and the report of our Conference Visiting Committee, which we place herewith into the hands of the Conference with the suggestion that it be read. This Institute is properly ours. We are in its patronizing territory. A member of our body is at the head of its faculty. We should hold ourselves to the fact that our relations to it are closer and more responsible than to any other Theological Seminary in the Church. It is doubtless, with its able faculty and ample facilities, as well qualified as any school in the land to finish the preparation of young men for the ministry. If we could send our young men, anticipating the work of the ministry, to the Institute, and then, after they have received the furnishing there to be secured, the faculty would send them back to us, it would be a happy thing for the Church. It must be seen at once that a ministry reared upon our soil and thoroughly educated in our own Institutions, is in the main best adapted for usefulness. That we should have in our own number a sprinkling of able brethren who have not been reared among us is perhaps well enough, but that we should ever come to the time when we must depend entirely upon importations is to be deprecated. We look to our colleges and training schools for ministers to save us from this. In turn they look to us to furnish them the men to train and the means to do the work.

During the past year Albion College has manifested more signs of life, and has made more rapid progress than in many years past. Its condition has been quite fully set forth in the hearing of the Conference by the report of the President of the Board of Trustees. From every quarter there also come reports of the growing enthusiasm of its alumni and other friends in its behalf. Many words of high appreciation are spoken of its President, an honored member of this body, and of his able assistants in the faculty. The trustees and faculty are planning large things for the College. Your Committee would however confess to a fear, as they have read the glowing accounts of enlarged plans and increased courses of study, that in their enthusiasm the Trustees would be led to undertake more than the already overworked faculty can carry forward successfully, or the limited finances sustain. But we believe the Church will stand by the authorities of the College in this advance movement, and during the approaching Centenary year see that enough increase of endowment is provided to carry out the enlarged plans, and much more. An ample endowment is needed at once to advance the College to the position it should occupy. Whatever form this movement may take, we, as a Conference, pledge ourselves to do our utmost by our prayers and efforts to secure its success.

The terms of office of Rev. J. S. Smart, D. D., and Horace Hitchcock, Esq. Trustees, being about to expire, we recommend their re-election.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. W. W. Washburn, D. D., Rev. R. Woodhams and Rev. I. E. Springer as visitors to Albion College. We also recommend the appointment of Rev. W. W. Ramsey, D. D., and Rev. Jacob Horton as visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute.

There have also been submitted for the consideration of your Committee, reports and other papers from the Board of Education of our Church. The reports indicate that great advance has been made, especially in the observance of Children's Day, and in the collections made on that day. We believe that general observance of this special day is to be encouraged, and that the contributions then laid upon God's altar will do much for the furtherance of His work. The Board of Bishops have advised that special contributions be made during the Centenary year. We therefore advise that special prominence be given to Children's Day in 1884, and that liberal collections be made in all our Sunday Schools.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that the children's pennies and dimes contributed are funded, and the interest only used for purposes of the society. We believe that if the fact were generally known that the Children's Day collections are so funded, it would diminish them very much in the future. There is

such pressing need of means to educate young men for the ministry and sustain public colleges throughout the land, that it seems inexpedient to hold back the funds collected from present use for the sake of building up an endowment. If we take good care of the present generation the coming one will be well able to take care of itself. We would recommend that this Conference request the Delegates to the General Conference to secure, if possible, such a change in the administration of the Board, or in its law if necessary, as will insure the expenditure of the Children's Day collections year by year as the Board may direct.—Respectfully submitted, I. N. ELWOOD, Ch'n.

[J.]
PERIODICALS.

We find our Church Periodicals deservedly growing in favor with both the laity and ministry of not only the Methodist Episcopal Church but also with the reading, thinking, religious public.

The influence of our connectional press is second to no power in the Church in forming public opinion, in raising the morals of the masses, and in presenting the doctrines of Christianity to the understanding both of the scientist and the Sunday School scholar.

The Quarterly Review stands at the head of our periodicals and needs no words of commendation. Its long standing reputation is undimmed and passing years still add to its luster. We feel like urging our brethren to greater familiarity with its pages. And if our leading laymen would carefully study the numbers of this Review as they come from the press, and discuss its teachings with their several Pastors, it would not only strengthen the intellectual and spiritual power of the laity but tend to cure many a clerical brain of mental indolence. In fact the Church is in greater need of the Review than the Review is in want of patronage or commendation.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate and the New York Christian Advocate are the only connectional papers of wide circulation in this Conference. These are each so ably edited that we have reason to feel not only secure but proud in recommending them as capable exponents of our Church and her doctrines. It would be to the furthering of Christianity as advanced by Michigan Methodism, if one or both of these papers could find its way into every Methodist family in the bounds of the Conference. We earnestly urge upon our brethren of the ministry the imperative necessity of increasing this circulation.

With regard to the Michigan Christian Advocate and the Lamp of Life, while we would earnestly deprecate and protest against their being taken as substitutes for our official Church literature; yet as additional thereto, we desire to express our high appreciation of their excellence and to recommend their circulation. We would farther recommend to our people the Michigan Christian Advocate, believing, though it has already reached a circulation of nearly 7,000, it should be more generally circulated among our people.

Your Committee are most happy to report the increasing worth of our Sunday School literature, and would recommend each minister to note the facts and figures pertaining to this department of Church Periodicals.

We are gratified to find our publishers furnishing more Sunday School literature than supplied the demands of our Church, thus showing that other denominations recognize the value of these well prepared and able adjuncts for efficient Sunday School work.

In closing we beg to remark Michigan has its geographical strength and weakness. We are proud of our beautiful peninsula, but the waters divide us from the surrounding Northwest; therefore, we are in danger of losing not only the knowledge of the religious activity of our denomination in our sister States, but also the stimulus that would come to us in our Church work if we felt more keenly the heart beat of Methodism in this great empire.

Our own Edwards, with so large sympathy for Michigan and located in the metropolis of this vast region, can and does help us through the Northwestern Christian Advocate. We have never, as a Conference, fully appreciated this. The M. E. Church is a great system, and in its outreachings its influence is more than local, is widely national. We therefore feel that the best interest of our Conference demands a positive and watchful care on the part of our clergy and laity for the building up of our great Church organs, not that we would make the local less, but bring the circulation of our official organs nearer the ideal so long cherished by the Church. D. R. SHIER, Ch'n.

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CENTENNIAL OF M. E. CHURCH.

Your Committee appointed to consider the proper celebration of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1884, respectfully report as follows:

In 1886 our Church duly observed the Centennial of the introduction of Methodism into this Western Continent. The Church would not have been worthy its name and genius had not its instincts pointed to a thorough organization—that is to say, Methodization—which characteristic instinct took shape at the celebrated Christmas Conference in 1884, whose deliberations extended over into the year 1885. At that time the body selected and ordained Bishop Asbury, and set the machinery of the Church in motion.

Wonder and gratitude arise dutifully when we realize something of that which God hath wrought during the century just closing. Our first hundred years have been given to expansion and evangelization. We thank God for the heroic laborers who have wrought under God, and we humbly rejoice in the fruits which He hath vouchsafed.

In plans for the coming celebration of the century of organized Methodism we have had wise respect to the suggestions made to the Church by our General Superintendents at their meeting in November last. In harmony with their conclusions, and with action already taken by several annual conferences, we suggest:

1. That this Conference recommend to our societies in Detroit Conference that, as preparatory to the outpouring of thank offerings in 1884, they address themselves as earnestly and early and resolutely as possible to the payment of all debts remaining upon Church and Parsonage property. The aggregate of this, as reported at our last session is about \$59,000. In all cases where the debts upon individual societies remain unfunded, we hope a strong effort will be made to pay the last dollar. There will be inspiration, power and immense credit in store for our Church when we can present the quite easily realizable spectacle of a denomination entirely free from financial obligation, and we literally obey the command to "owe no man anything."

2. As a Church we should do as God's Church has done from the beginning—bring our offerings to the altar, and build a memorial unto the Lord forever. We, therefore, suggest that having thus paid our honest debts, we shall begin the alphabet of Benevolence by rallying to the generous support of our Church Educational Work in Michigan. We recommend that our Church Schools shall be our chief interest, and that we concrete this spiritual duty by rallying to the thorough endowment of our College at Albion. Our membership should see that this is their golden moment of opportunity. Added years may bring multiplying Conferences with their possible conflicting and interfering interests, and even competing new schools. We are rich enough to place a million dollars in treasury as an endowment of our present one and unrivaled School.

3. We therefore suggest that steps be taken to form a Michigan Centennial Methodist Association whose scope and plans shall embrace measures to organize during the coming year, and to labor for many years to come, until the million dollars are actually realized. We therefore recommend that Bishop Harris be requested to appoint seven ministers and seven laymen in this Conference who shall co-operate with a like Committee already appointed in Michigan Conference, and both, with the trustees of Albion College, to carry out these suggestions.

4. These new agencies, new plans and new resources imply corresponding advance in the School itself. We believe Michigan Methodism should have, must have and presently will possess a University worthy of the name. We, therefore, suggest that this joint committee from the two Conferences shall have power, and should hereby be authorized to determine the scope and character of our coming University work, and give the proper name to the School which we know will arise presently on the foundations now at Albion.

5. We heartily endorse our Bishop's suggestions that the centennial season be further utilized by soliciting gifts from our people to create Local Permanent Funds to relieve necessitous cases.

The number of our Conference claimants is annually increasing and the present supplies are too small to give them a comfortable support. Our people will during the Centenary year be asked to make charitable contributions for the better support of the necessitous and dependent claimants, therefore: We order that all funds raised during the Centenary year for those who are extremely and specially needy, shall be put in the hands of the Detroit Conference Trustees for distribution according to the pleasure of the Conference.

Finally, respecting the memorial from the Northwest Indiana Conference which suggests the creation of a new, special connectional fund for superannuated ministers and their heirs, we recommend that this Conference do not concur. In behalf of the Committee, ARTHUR EDWARDS, Ch'n.

[L.]

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Chillingworth's famous maxim, "The Bible alone the religion of Protestants," has ever been one of the watchwords of Methodism. During all our varied history, and with all the sections in which our Church has been divided, we rejoice that every branch of the great Methodist body has been true to the cardinal principle of Protestantism, that the Bible contains all things which are of necessity to be believed for man's salvation, and we are glad of every opportunity to reaffirm our unshaken faith that the Scriptures are divinely inspired record of the revelation which Almighty God has made to the world by His Son, Christ Jesus.

We rejoice in all the fresh light which archaeological research and modern scholarship can throw upon these sacred Scriptures, and we consider the revised version of the New Testament to be a valuable boon to the Christian world, though we are not prepared to look on it as final, or to recommend its general adoption in our Churches. To supply the people with the pure undiluted work of God is surely one of the noblest works that can occupy the attention of all earnest Christians; it is therefore

1. That will use our utmost endeavors to circulate the Bible amongst the peoples of the earth.
2. That, as a means to that end, we will support to the best of our ability the American Bible Society.
3. That we earnestly recommend our brethren to take up the collection for the Bible cause in all of our churches.—W. GEORGE, Ch'n.

[M.]

ST. IGNACE CHURCH.

Your Committee to which was referred the case of the Point St. Ignace, with instructions to secure by loan the means to complete the Church, and to report the results to this Conference, submit the following:

1. The Church has been completed, all except the seats; and, for present use, chairs have been substituted.
2. The entire cost of the structure is \$2,400.
3. To finish the Church it was found necessary to loan \$500, which was secured by the personal obligation of Bros. A. J. Richards and James S. Smart, for one year.
4. At the dedication, February 18th, the Committee was present and pledges were taken which were thought to be sufficient to pay all outstanding bills for the completion of the Church, and leave at least \$200 to apply on the \$500 loan. But by the failure of one of our principal men, the removal of others and the failure in attending to the collections very little has been secured to apply on said loan.
5. The mortgage of \$650 which was placed on the Church before the work came into the hands of this Committee, it is thought the Society there can take care of; but \$400 of the loan will have to be provided for in some way by this Conference.

A. J. RICHARDS, Ch'n.

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FRONTIER WORK.

D. Preston, Treasurer, in account with Frontier Work:

	RECEIPTS.	
From Charges		\$1,369 14
From Conference Treasurer		322 94
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1882.		
Nov. 23. Five drafts	\$235 00	Disbursed at Conference.
Dec. 7. Wm. Rader	20 00	Wm. B. Pope, per A. J. Richards
18. Wm. Rader	30 00	J. S. Mitchel, per J. Russell
18. A. J. Russell	50 00	Thos. Cox, per J. Russell
29. Interest on note	4 67	Jas. Pasco, per J. Russell
		J. Stevens
		27 64
Jan. 10. Drafts sent T. G. Potter	200 00	J. Bettes, per T. G. Potter
April 26. Drafts sent E. A. Kemp	20 00	A. P. DeLong, per T. G. Potter
26. Drafts sent A. J. Richards	25 00	G. L. Davis
26. Drafts sent W. B. Pope	25 00	Arthur DeLong
June 8. Eight drafts	325 00	Walter Marks
8. Drafts sent W. M. Campbell	50 00	G. S. Scarr
8. Drafts sent F. Hoyt	50 00	T. G. Potter
8. Drafts sent C. L. Church	25 00	
27. Drafts sent A. J. Richards	200 00	
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J. M. ARNOLD, Ch'n of Com.		

THE CENTENARY OF 1884.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR BRETHREN: The General Conference, at its session in Cincinnati in May, 1880, appointed a Committee on the Centennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also referred to the Committee on Education a memorial asking for the appointment of a "Centennial Educational Commission." After the reports from these committees had been presented, the General Conference ordered "that the matter be referred to the Bishops to devise a plan for the Centennial year, and report to the Church as early as convenient."

In accordance with this direction the Bishops have considered the matters contained in these reports, as well as the general subject, and they present to the Church the following suggestions:

1. As the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church occurred in the closing week of 1784, and as the General Conference will assemble in May, 1884, the Bishops consider it unnecessary to indicate at this time the order of religious services to celebrate the anniversary, as full directions can be given by the General Conference.

2. As preparatory measures, they recommend that the several Annual Conferences, at their sessions in 1883, appoint a minister to preach a sermon on the subject at their sessions in 1884, and arrange for such other services at the Conference sessions as they may deem best. They also recommend the Annual Conferences in 1883 to appoint a committee of ministers and laymen, who shall plan for such public meetings or conventions in the various parts of the Conference, and for such other services as may best promote the proposed objects.

3. As the German churches contemplate the holding of jubilee services to commemorate their organization in 1883, we have, at the request of their Conferences, so far modified the plan, that they may combine their services in 1884 and in 1885.

4. Though the religious services should be the chief feature of the celebration, yet as an expression of gratitude to God for his signal mercies and blessings during the century, many generous persons have already arranged for appropriate thank-offerings; and it is greatly desirable that the entire Church should unite in making such offerings. We recommend that an earnest effort be made to pay the indebtedness now existing on churches and parsonages before the commencement of 1884. Many churches have already moved in this matter, and we are glad to note that in several cities, and in a few districts, all the churches have become free from embarrassment. We should greatly rejoice if, before the century shall close, all existing debts, especially those of long standing, should be liquidated, that the churches might more properly unite in Connectional offerings.

5. The chief object of Connectional offerings should be the cause of Education. The future of the Church will, under God's blessing, largely depend on the culture given to the youth. We commend to the liberality of the Church, first, the Board of Education; second, the Freedman's Aid Society; third, Theological Schools; and fourth, such Seminaries, Colleges, and Universities as shall be selected by the several Annual Conferences.

6. In addition to educational institutions, we recommend to the Church the Chartered Fund and other associations which care for the support of the superannuated preachers; also the permanent funds of the various Church Boards, such as Missions, Church Extension, Sunday Schools and Tracts; also the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who are empowered to receive and administer, according to the will of the donors, any specific church funds; also benevolent Church institutions, such as Orphanages, Homes, and Hospitals which may be approved by the Annual Conferences. In all cases, however, their thank-offerings should be for permanent funds, and should not interfere with the contribution or disbursement of the annual collections.

7. It is not our right to dictate to any member of the Church either the object or the amount of his contribution. But we earnestly hope that in reviewing the history of the past, and in considering the great work which lies before us, each member of the Church will esteem it a privilege to contribute to such enterprises as shall bless humanity in all coming time.

8. We earnestly recommend that the year 1884 be one of special personal consecration; that we may humble ourselves before God, and fervently plead for that precious baptism of the Holy Spirit without which nothing good or great can be accomplished.

Praying that the blessing of God may rest upon the Church, and every member thereof, we are, dear brethren, yours in Christ Jesus.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK, November 1, 1882.

OUR TWENTY-EIGHT SESSIONS.

Note.—The Detroit Conference was set off from the Michigan Conference by the General Conference of 1856.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	September 17, 1856.	Adrian	Morris	S. Reed.
3	September 8, 1857.	Port Huron	Waugh	S. Reed.
3	September 8, 1858.	Ypsilanti	Baker	S. Reed.
4	September 28, 1859.	Pontiac	Janes	S. Reed.
5	September 26, 1860.	Dexter	Morris	S. Clements.
6	September 26, 1861.	Detroit	Ames	S. Clements.
7	September 24, 1862.	Ann Arbor	Scott	S. Clements.
8	September 16, 1863.	Romeo	Simpson	S. Clements.
9	September 14, 1864.	Adrian	Baker	W. H. Perrine.
10	September 18, 1865.	Flint	Clark	W. H. Perrine.
11	September 5, 1866.	Hudson	Ames	E. H. Pilcher.
12	September 4, 1867.	Saginaw City	Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
13	August 28, 1868.	Ann Arbor	Ames	C. C. Yemans.
14	September 1, 1869.	Detroit	Scott	A. Edwards.
15	August 24, 1870.	Fenton	Clark	A. Edwards.
16	September 18, 1871.	Monroe	Simpson	A. Edwards.
17	September 4, 1872.	East Saginaw	Ames	A. Edwards.
18	September 8, 1873.	Ypsilanti	Wiley	A. Edwards.
19	September 2, 1874.	Romeo	Simpson	A. Edwards.
20	September 1, 1875.	Flint	Harris	A. Edwards.
21	August 30, 1876.	Detroit	Ames	A. Edwards.
22	September 5, 1877.	Adrian	Foster	A. Edwards.
23	September 11, 1878.	Ann Arbor	Merrill	A. Edwards.
24	September 10, 1879.	Ann Arbor	Bowman	A. Edwards.
25	September 8, 1880.	Bay City	Andrews	A. Edwards.
26	September 14, 1881.	Port Huron	Wiley	J. McElدوney.
27	September 18, 1882.	Detroit	Peck	J. McElدوney.
28	September 12, 1883.	Flint	Harris	J. McElدوney.

OUR PROMOTED FELLOW WORKERS.

DETROIT CONFERENCE MEMBERS DECEASED.

NAME.	Age.	DIED.		ADMITTED.	
		Place.	Date.	Conference.	Year.
James V. Watson	42	Chicago	Oct. 17, 1856.	Missouri	1833
Wellington H. Collins	42	Detroit	Aug. 11, 1858.	Michigan	1837
Robert Dubois	39	Ann Arbor	Feb. 28, 1860.	Michigan	1844
William Mothersill	46	Holly	Nov. 8, 1862.	Michigan	1840
Jonathan Blanchard	47	Ann Arbor	Mar. 28, 1864.	Michigan	1888
Francis L. West	25	Chattanooga	Jan. 5, 1865.	Detroit	1861
Giles N. Belknap	55	Napoleon	April 18, 1866.	Michigan	1848
Aaron Watkins	29	Albany, N. Y.	Mar. 19, 1867.	Detroit	1863
Joseph Shank	49	Fentonville	Sept. 30, 1867.	Oneida	1841
Isaac C. Cochrane	46	Utica	Oct. 26, 1867.	Detroit	1861
William H. Hevener	61	Oswozo	Oct. 1, 1867.	Michigan	1864
John A. Baughman	65	Detroit	Mar. 1, 1868.	Ohio	1838
George Smith	59	Ann Arbor	May 4, 1868.	Ohio	1888
William Todd	78	Erie, Pa.	May 15, 1869.	New York	1828
James F. Dorey	32	Manchester	Aug. 2, 1869.	Detroit	1862
Ransom R. Richards	60	Hudson	Aug. 13, 1872.	Michigan	1837
Solomon S. Littlefield	43	Detroit	Dec. 8, 1872.	Michigan	1854
Elisha Bibbins	53	Detroit	Nov. 22, 1873.	Wesleyan	1841
Addison C. Shaw	62	Ypsilanti	Dec. 21, 1873.	Michigan	1846
James R. Cordon	41	Clarkston	April 18, 1876.	Detroit	1860
Samuel Bibbins	61	New Boston	May 19, 1877.	Wesleyan	1869
Abel W. Harding	39	Tecumseh	July 1, 1877.	Detroit	1874
Isaac Greensky	50		Oct. 1, 1876.	Detroit	1874
William P. Maywood	38	Denver, Col.	Nov. 17, 1877.	Wesleyan	1864
Peter L. Sparrow	44				
Robert Triggs	87	Ripon, Wis.	Jan. 8, 1879.	Ohio	1834
William Mahon	73	East Saginaw	May 24, 1879.	Michigan	1850
John S. Priestley	42	Napoleon	Mar. 9, 1880.	Detroit	1874
Edwin Foster	40	Freeland	Dec. 21, 1880.	Detroit	1873
John Pugh	60	Verona	Feb. 20, 1881.	Minnesota	1856
William Fox	58	Bancroft	Mar. 26, 1881.	Michigan	1856
Geo. Wilson	45	Milford	May 6, 1881.	Detroit	1864
Albert R. Hazen	57	Metamora	Aug. 26, 1881.	So. Illinois	1868
S. P. Lee	58	North Branch	Sept. 28, 1881.	Michigan	1849
Jonathan Burch Atchinson	42	Midland City	July 15, 1882.	Genesee	1870
John Gray	75	Dryden	Dec. 10, 1882.		
Benjamin F. Cocker	62	Ann Arbor	April 8, 1883.	Detroit	1857
Elias B. Prindle	68	Sanborn	July 28, 1883.	Michigan	
Ephraim Van Norman	69	Neosh. F'ls, Ks	Aug. 28, 1883.	Detroit	1867

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GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 1882-83.

MEMBERSHIP.	BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		FOR MISSIONS.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								
		No. of Probationers.	No. of Local Members.	No. of Delegates.	No. of Delegates.	No. of Baptized.	No. of Baptized.	From Schools.	Total.	For Tract Society.	For Sunday Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For Bible Society.	Other Collections.	
Adair.....	2 138	1 2	4 15	2 1	4 1	2,500 700	1 700	10 97	66 4	88 14	14 148	1 28	1 28	1 28	1 28	
Algoma.....	22 140	1 1	9 14	2 1	4 1	2,000 800	1 800	20 20	1 19 113	14 46	8 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Almont.....	23 103	1 1	9 14	2 1	4 1	1,000 1,000	1 1,000	22 22	2 16 120	14 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Aransas.....	9 88	1 2	1 18	1 1	1 1	2,000 1,000	1 1,000	23 23	2 24 180	14 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	
Attica.....	8 2	1 1	6 8	1 1	1 1	2,000 1,000	1 1,000	24 24	2 24 180	15 00	15 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Bad Axe.....	4 65	2 2	6 6	5 1	1 1	2,000 700	1 700	2,100 2,100	4 38 180	8 75	1 25	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	
Brookway.....	25 138	2 1	20 4	2 2	3,500 1,800	1 800	1,750 60	485 60	45 341	15 00	15 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	
Burnside.....	6 128	2 2	1 2	2 1	2,000 1,000	1 1,000	75 1,000	245 80	24 240	14 00	14 00	70 70	70 70	70 70	70 70	
Carsonville.....	21 57	1 1	2 12	1 1	1 1	2,900 1,500	1 500	900 900	42 200	20 200	18 00	18 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Decaturville.....	18 60	1 1	1 7	1 1	1 1	1,800 1,400	1 400	500 500	700 700	22 18	18 60	8 60	8 60	8 60	8 60	
Five Lakes.....	8 98	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1,200 1,000	1 1,000	10 66	150 150	16 185	16 185	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	
Forester.....	11 68	1 1	1 8	1 1	1 1	10,000 5,000	1 5,000	500 500	1,150 1,150	4 35	248 3	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	
Fort Gratiot.....	14 98	1 1	6 1	1 1	1 1	7,000 1 500	1 500	8,200 46	500 500	20 170	25 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	
Inlay City.....	10 80	1 1	8 2	1 1	1 1	1,000 1 800	1 800	1,000 1 800	16 16	38 40	28 28	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	
Kayne and Lamont.....	10 51	1 1	14 5	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 2,500	1 2,500	5,000 1 2,500	1 19 147	15 00	4 92	19 92	18 53	18 53	18 53	
Lakeport.....	10 2	1 1	1 5	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 2,500	1 2,500	5,000 1 2,500	1 25 20	20 20	20 20	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	
Lexington.....	29 148	1 1	4 9	1 1	1 1	8,000 1 2,000	1 2,000	8,000 1 2,000	1 26 20	20 20	20 20	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	
Marine City.....	2 67	1 1	4 5	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 2,500	1 2,500	5,000 1 2,500	1 18 150	25 25	25 25	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	
Marietta.....	6 104	1 1	1 2	1 1	1 1	1,000 1 500	1 500	1,000 1 500	1 26 20	20 20	20 20	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	
Marshall.....	6 65	2 1	1 9	2 1	1 1	4,000 1 300	1 300	4,000 1 300	250 250	2 16	120 120	7 17	7 17	7 17	7 17	
Memphis.....	19 128	4 1	5 1	2 1	2 1	2,000 1 1,000	1 1,000	1,000 400	188 400	26 240	20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	
Metamora.....	10 172	2 1	2 7	3 1	1 1	10,400 1 3,500	1 3,500	7,000 700	161 700	50 4	54 215	20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	
Minden and White Rock.....	8 135	1 1	16 20	1 1	1 1	8,000 1 500	1 500	8,000 1 500	1 30 30	10 55	10 55	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	
Mount Clemens.....	8 156	1 1	16 20	1 1	1 1	8,500 1 5,000	1 5,000	8,500 1 5,000	1 22 22	217 217	44 43	30 30	67 67	67 67	67 67	
Mount Vernon.....	6 78	5 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 2,000	1 2,000	10 100	2 22 120	22 20	88 88	2 31 212	20 20	20 20	20 20	
New Haven.....	5 80	1 1	3 1	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 2,000	1 2,000	10 100	2 22 120	22 20	88 88	2 31 212	20 20	20 20	20 20	
North Branch.....	5 105	1 1	1 2	1 1	1 1	4,500 1 800	1 800	10 100	1 120 120	13 80	12 120	1 100	18 18	18 18	18 18	
Peck.....	4 41	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	3,000 1 400	1 400	25 25	1 400	30 140	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100	
Port Austin.....	8 53	2 1	21 2	1 1	1 1	1,200 1 1,000	1 1,000	1,200 1 1,000	145 1,100	50 50	18 130	5 5	7 75	1 100	1 100	
Port Crescent and Meade.....	4 98	1 2	3 1	1 1	1 1	87,500 1 2,500	1 2,500	4,000 5,000	96,500 550	80 80	18 18	85 85	10 100	15 150	15 150	
Port Hope.....	206 4	1 1	1 4	3 1	1 1	4,000 1 1,000	1 1,000	4,000 1 1,000	50 50	250 250	8 8	36 175	17 80	80 88	80 88	
Port Huron.....	15 116	1 1	1 4	3 1	1 1	4,000 1 1,000	1 1,000	4,000 1 1,000	50 50	150 150	10 100	10 100	17 17	90 90	90 90	
Richmond.....	9 98	1 1	10 1	1 1	1 1	3,000 1 1,500	1 1,500	3,000 1 1,500	150 150	50 50	12 12	80 80	18 18	24 24	24 24	
Romeo.....	1 185	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	4,000 1 2,800	1 2,800	4,000 1 2,800	500 500	100 100	40 40	221 221	49 49	75 75	75 75	
Ruby.....	3 125	1 1	5 1	1 1	1 1	5,000 1 400	1 400	5,000 1 400	500 500	100 100	40 40	221 221	49 49	75 75	75 75	
St. Clair.....	3 168	1 1	5 1	1 1	1 1	16,000 1 1,000	1 1,000	16,000 1 1,000	62 62	36 36	15 15	66 66	38 38	90 90	90 90	
Sand Beach.....	5 59	1 1	2 1	1 1	1 1	1,600 1 1,000	1 1,000	1,600 1 1,000	66 66	36 36	15 15	66 66	38 38	90 90	90 90	
Sandusky.....	18 68	1 1	2 3	1 1	1 1	2,800 1 400	1 400	2,800 1 400	1,160 1,160	400 400	8 8	260 260	20 20	80 80	80 80	
Tyre.....	2 70	1 1	1 2	1 1	1 1	2,800 1 400	1 400	2,800 1 400	500 500	400 400	8 8	260 260	20 20	80 80	80 80	
Washington.....	13 136	1 3	15 8	4,000 1	500	.....	.....	.....	3 27	150 150	50 50	50 50	50 50	50 50	50 50
Total.....	351 4,194	26 44	141 168	308,600	16,206	18,688	3,024	16,206	938	68354	718 1,211	91	829 92 140 86 108 18	8,00 14 75	68 21 85 87	4,00 340 10 4,731 19

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

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No.	MEMBERSHIP,	B.-P. TRMS.	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Debtors.	No. of Children baptized.	No. of Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												
										For MISSIONS.	From ChurcH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Total.	For WOMAN'S PROTESTANT SOCIETY.	For CHURCH EXTEN- SION.	For SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.	Other Collections.				
14	106	1	3	2	3,600	1	3,600	150,00	350,00	320	33	61	150	35,11	1,00	1,00	2,00	50	10,00	130,00		
81	150	1	2	8,000	1	1,900	2,000	375,00	375,00	320	175	10,00	30,00	40,00	10,00	1,50	1,50	2,00	50	10,00	100,00	
Clarkston	3	2	4	2	220	170	10,00	30,00	40,00	10,00	1,50	1,50	2,00	50	10,00	50,00
Commerce	77	76	1	8	1,000	1	300	75,00	...	1	210	150	2,56	2,56	25	25	2,89	2,00	25	10,00	100,00	
Davidson	5	76	1	2	5,800	1	1,200	3,500	800,00	325,00	182	18,00	5,00	33,00	60,10	4,00	4,00	2,00	4,00	2,00	60,00	
Davidburgh	3	81	3	4	3,500	1	1,200	2,500	482,25	2	96,120	12,00	12,00	12,00	7,00	3,00	3,00	2,00	3,00	2,00	70,00	
Farmington	4	62	1	5	2,500	1	1,000	1,500	...	1	6,40	16,00	16,00	16,00	2,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	100,00	
Fenton	8	250	1	5	9,000	1	2,000	2,000	200,00	...	1	23,130	63,75	37,90	3,00	3,00	3,05	3,05	3,05	71,92	357,40	
Flint, Court St.	15	540	2	5	15,000	1	2,000	15,000	410,420	198,00	48,11	246,11	30,00	30,00	10,50	30,00	10,50	100,00	100,00	100,00		
Flint, Garland St.	1	200	1	3	5,000	1	2,500	5,000	1,22,200	69,00	45,00	9,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	50,00	250,00		
Flushing	10	136	2	5	5	1,500	1	1,500	1,500	3	341,235	54,00	30,00	84,00	56,00	6,00	2,00	5,00	10,00	10,00	167,75	
Gaines	8	25	2	3	4,750	1	1,200	4,500	25,300	25,300	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	31,00	100,00		
Goodrich	4	80	1	2	4,000	1	800	50,00	165,00	2	91,118	17,00	17,00	17,00	5,00	4,00	4,00	2,50	1,50	1,50	25,00	
Grand Blanc	145	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	136,000	136,00	136,00	136,00	40,00	8,00	1,50	7,00	2,00	2,00	41,00
Hadley	97	2	2	1	4,000	1	1,000	11,00	11,00	1	16,120	52,05	27,00	6,74	2,50	1,50	1,50	2,00	3,54	...		
Hazeland	78	2	2	11	2	4,000	1	1,000	1,000	1	12,30	27,00	27,00	27,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00		
Hazeland	100	1	2	6	2	2,900	1	700	300,00	290,00	100,00	9,16	95,00	10,00	11,00	21,00	2,00	2,00	1,00	7,40	26,00	
Hazeland	197	1	2	6	2	2,000	1	1,000	1,000	1	90,00	1,10	70,00	70,00	30,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	25,00	
Holly	170	1	1	...	...	1	2,000	1	1,500	1,500	1	20,250	53,00	37,00	60,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	30,00	260,00
Lapoor	4	316	3	4	8	1,6500	1	400,00	400,00	1	91,152	18,00	13,00	31,00	10,25	3,00	1,00	1,00	3,00	1,50	220,00	
Linden	5	313	1	7	15	8,500	1	1,000	100,00	50,00	4	91,920	105,00	41,00	105,00	41,00	3,00	11,75	11,75	11,75	11,75	287,00
Miford	6	256	1	7	9	10,000	1	1,800	250,00	1	28,252	83,00	46,16	54	100,00	83,94	9,00	4,05	3,00	5,00	95,98	
Mt. Morris	169	1	1	12	3,000	1	800	1,065,00	3	28,298	207,90	90,00	90,00	62,48	4,81	8,25	5,00	11,00	11,00	343,00		
Northville	4	125	1	1	2	1,500	1	2,000	1,500	1	18,230	43,00	12,00	30,00	18,00	5,00	2,00	4,00	7,00	7,00	190,00	
Oak Grove	88	1	1	2	5,000	1	600	600	600	3	29,150	30,00	2,00	56,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	8,00		
Ortonville	73	1	1	2	6,000	1	800	25,00	220,00	421,00	2	91,208	94,00	30,00	34,00	60,00	4,00	2,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	185,00
Parshallville	100	2	2	8	6,000	1	500	500	500	2	26,150	30,00	20,00	20,00	20,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	3,00	100,00	
Perry	6	195	2	3	8	2,000	1	500	500	500	2	18,130	15,00	15,00	15,00	70,36	6,50	3,50	6,00	3,50	3,50	130,00
Pine Run	15	98	1	1	10	2,800	1	700	700	700	4	36,205	22,00	22,00	22,00	10,00	3,00	3,00	5,50	3,00	3,00	130,00
Pontiac	270	3	2	8	4	20,000	1	1,300	100,00	100,00	1	30,220	100,00	64,00	164,00	94,75	18,00	2,00	14,00	16,00	16,00	335,00
Seymour Lake	14	69	2	3	22	2	4,200	1	800	14,00	2	11,56	21,00	3,00	33,00	91,00	9,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	75,00	
Swarz Creek	3	118	3	4	27	1	4,000	1	500	543,00	35,00	2	22,150	18,00	5,53	23,52	23,52	6,00	6,00	6,00	125,00	
Vernon	7	111	1	3	5	1,2	5,000	1	500	500	3	8,83	227,30	5,00	25,00	23,65	6,00	6,00	6,00	32,25	160,00	
Walled Lake	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woodhull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	182,4968	29,59	29,168	53	170,950	32,25,300	4,5283,11	4,810,70	3,438,25,66	778	5464,1,471,37,273,23	1,744,60,765,43	166,41,17,40,21,35,65	121,87,20,13,886,11	4,482,49							

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SAGINAW DISTRICT.

MEMBERSHIP.	BAP-TISTS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.		OTHER COLLECTORIES.																					
				FOR MISSIONS.	FROM CHURCHES.																						
Bay City, Fremont Ave.	14	115	1	2	4	7	1	3,000	1	1,500	288	27	163	65	48	50	13	94	50	13	94	50	2778				
Bay, " Washington St.	200	1	13	2	1	1	11,000	1	2,000	500	2,200	300	85	100	12	25	20	70	50	17	60	50	100	778			
Bennington	14	106	1	2	1	8	2	6,000	1	1,800	488	29	162	95	4	65	8	70	50	14	81	20	20	145			
Bridgeport	8	84	1	2	1	8	2	1,400	1	400	200	21	15	108	29	13	17	18	44	81	20	20	900				
Cassville & Bayport	8	84	1	3	3	8	2	3,125	1	700	125	21	14	133	38	224	28	55	4	75	35	20	100				
Cass City	8	99	1	7	3	2	1,500	1	1,200	200	21	15	108	30	90	80	00	00	00	00	00	00	100				
Chesaning	4	89	1	1	1	1	3,000	1	1,000	350	31	150	14,00	15	00	19	00	00	00	00	00	00	900				
Corunna	4	90	1	1	11	20	2	5,500	1	1,200	200	21	35	1,200	20	00	13	00	82	00	00	00	210				
E. Saginaw; Hes. St.	12	180	1	3	14	20	2	5,500	1	1,200	123	165	5,500	1	45	925	62	49	62	60	10	80	15	00	160		
E. Saginaw; Hes. St.	62	201	1	2	10	50	1	50,000	1	50,000	900	822	83	90	150	23	00	2	00	100	100	100	100	1,005			
Freelands	5	67	1	1	2	3	1,100	1	900	1,450	650	5	42	870	26	00	17	00	100	100	100	100	80				
Henderson	60	189	2	6	11	3	6,100	1	600	1,000	800	41	21	164	12	00	6,00	10	00	100	100	100	100	80			
Ingersoll	4	74	1	1	1	1	1,800	1	1,200	282	138	50	2	28	220	100	00	6,00	10	00	100	100	100	146			
Lansingsburg	8	147	1	3	25	2	5,000	1	1,200	100	13	140	10,00	3	00	22	00	4	00	100	100	100	100				
Maryville	28	160	10	33	2	4,000	1	1,500	250	754	100	187	13	140	19	00	3	00	100	100	100	100	126				
Midland	9	83	1	2	1	8	1	5,000	1	750	754	2	15	160	10	00	5,00	100	100	100	100	100	110				
Millington	12	102	1	3	6	18	1	2,000	5	80	534	2	23	130	11	00	100	100	100	100	100	100	90				
Newberry	5	67	1	3	1	1	1,800	1	600	20	20	475	1	14	160	26	00	26	00	200	61	127	200	1875			
Orton	98	168	2	1	1	6,000	1	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1	8	30	3	00	2	50	100	100	100	100	7			
Oakley	18	82	1	1	2	2	1	8,000	1	1,500	448	41	9	37	200	26	13	20	63	55	76	83	100				
Orford	6	128	2	1	2	2	1	5,000	1	1,400	600	400	1	26	190	20	00	18	00	38	00	12	00	100			
Oreosso	4	67	1	3	2	2	1	2,000	1	2,000	1,000	1,000	1	18	125	7	00	7	00	50	200	200	50	150			
Rochester	1	10	1	3	8	8	1	4,000	1	1,000	165	165	165	165	1	15	140	15	00	15	00	15	00	60			
Sag. City, Washington Ave.	14	177	1	4	10	1	1	9,000	1	4,000	165	165	165	165	1	27	217	67	00	27	00	18	00	600			
Sag. City, Amherst Church	2	30	1	2	8	4,000	1	8,600	1	8,600	150	165	230	3	8	90	12	00	18	00	100	100	100				
St. Charles	13	112	7	7	35	2	8,600	1	8,600	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1	42	175	12	00	6,00	100	100	100	126				
Troy	75	71	4	2	4,500	1	1,000	1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1	425	20	100	30	00	30	00	2435	100				
Tuscola	60	151	1	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	130	130	400	2	15	75	15	00	21	00	100	100	100				
Unionville	83	1	1	4	5	2	4,000	1	1,000	900	900	500	1	12	80	95	5	55	13	50	100	100	100				
Utica	10	180	1	8	1	1	4,500	1	1,000	400	400	200	1	16	100	23	00	38	00	100	100	100					
Vassar	5	188	2	1	2	1	6,000	1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2	35	240	49	76	35	25	15	00	204				
Watrousville	9	108	1	1	1	1	2,500	1	600	150	150	100	100	3	24	140	11	86	2	22	41	100	274				
Taymouth Indian Miss.	9	42	2	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	150	150	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	75				
Total	413	3817	19	51	119	278	45	181,575	26	31,500	7,828	8,728	13,758	67	806,564	808,96	374	53	1,189,49	171,35	131,22	23,22	24,27	108,98	271,44,97	0,012,89	5,898

SAGINAW DISTRICT.

PROBATIONERS.		MEMBERS.		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
No. on roll at last conference.	21	No. removed by recented since.	54	No. received by recented since.	10	No. received by recented since.	10	No. received by recented since.	10	No. received by recented since.	10
Conference at last.	68	No. removed by recented since.	6	No. removed by recented since.	1	No. removed by recented since.	1	No. removed by recented since.	1	No. removed by recented since.	1
Midland.	21	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1
Freelands.	6	Freelands.	4	Freelands.	4	Freelands.	4	Freelands.	4	Freelands.	4
Henderson.	86	Henderson.	1	Henderson.	1	Henderson.	1	Henderson.	1	Henderson.	1
Ingersoll.	18	Ingersoll.	1	Ingersoll.	1	Ingersoll.	1	Ingersoll.	1	Ingersoll.	1
Lansingburg.	51	Lansingburg.	1	Lansingburg.	1	Lansingburg.	1	Lansingburg.	1	Lansingburg.	1
Mattole.	96	Mattole.	2	Mattole.	1	Mattole.	1	Mattole.	1	Mattole.	1
Midland.	21	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1	Midland.	1
Millington.	68	Millington.	1	Millington.	1	Millington.	1	Millington.	1	Millington.	1
Newberry.	14	Newberry.	2	Newberry.	3	Newberry.	3	Newberry.	3	Newberry.	3
Orion.	86	Orion.	1	Orion.	1	Orion.	1	Orion.	1	Orion.	1
Oakley.	18	Oakley.	1	Oakley.	1	Oakley.	1	Oakley.	1	Oakley.	1
Oxford.	16	Oxford.	1	Oxford.	1	Oxford.	1	Oxford.	1	Oxford.	1
Reese.	12	Reese.	1	Reese.	5	Reese.	4	Reese.	3	Reese.	3
Rochester.	19	Rochester.	6	Rochester.	18	Rochester.	13	Rochester.	8	Rochester.	8
Sag. City Washington Ave.	68	Sag. City Washington Ave.	10	Sag. City Washington Ave.	13	Sag. City Washington Ave.	14	Sag. City Washington Ave.	12	Sag. City Washington Ave.	12
Ames Church.	76	Ames Church.	1	Ames Church.	5	Ames Church.	71	Ames Church.	54	Ames Church.	54
St. Charles.	76	St. Charles.	1	St. Charles.	5	St. Charles.	71	St. Charles.	54	St. Charles.	54
Troy.	17	Troy.	1	Troy.	1	Troy.	1	Troy.	1	Troy.	1
Tuscola.	17	Tuscola.	1	Tuscola.	6	Tuscola.	7	Tuscola.	5	Tuscola.	5
Unionville.	12	Unionville.	2	Unionville.	6	Unionville.	13	Unionville.	8	Unionville.	8
Utica.	19	Utica.	2	Utica.	10	Utica.	4	Utica.	3	Utica.	3
Vassar.	10	Vassar.	6	Vassar.	5	Vassar.	23	Vassar.	5	Vassar.	5
Waterville.	9	Taymouth Indian Miss.	1	Taymouth Indian Miss.	9	Taymouth Indian Miss.	6	Taymouth Indian Miss.	1	Taymouth Indian Miss.	1
Total.	1007	1007	29	181	2	443	307	322	447	194	72
											1,536
											164.00
											413
											310.15

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LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT

No Report from Houghton.

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REGISTER

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

(As modified at adjournment, September 18, 1883.)

NOTE.—At great pains and labor, the Secretary has repeatedly re-written this Register to make it accurate and strictly alphabetical.

Will all members help to fill *all* blanks and correct all errors? If any names are misspelled, or errors are noticed, send me a note.

“Div.” in the seventh column, indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

All who joined the Detroit Conference in full connection had at least two years of prior service as preachers on probation. Those who joined other Conferences may have done very many years of service before coming here.

The sixth column shows time of admission to full membership, *not of reception on trial*. Give your name in full.

JOHN McELDONNEY, *Secretary,*
Detroit, Michigan.

Number.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Name to Detroit Conference	Post Office.
		Where.	Wh'n	Church or Conference	Wh'n		
1	Allen, Alfred	Penn	1819	Michigan	1845	Div	Williamston.
2	Allen, Charles T.	Michigan	1841	Detroit	1870	...	Detroit.
3	Allington, William . . . . .	...	...	Detroit	1879	...	...
4	Allman Wm. H. . . . .	...	...	Troy	1854	1856	Kingston.
5	Anderson, Charles Miller	New York	1820	Michigan	1851	Div	Commerce.
6	Arnold, John Motte	New York	1824	Detroit	1878	...	Detroit.
7	Atkinson, John . . . . .	...	...	Detroit	1866	...	Adrian.
8	Austin, Charles W.	New York	1838	...	...	...	Tuscola.
9	Bailey, Wm. J. . . . .	...	...	Detroit	1881	...	Watrousville.
10	Balis, James	England	1828	Detroit	1869	...	Troy.
11	Bancroft, John Orlando	Ohio	1826	Michigan	1855	Div	Vassar.
12	Bancroft, Edward B. . . . .	...	...	Detroit	1882	...	Tawas City.
13	Barnes, Lemon	Canada	1830	Detroit	1868	...	Washington.
14	Barnum, Theodore P.	New York	1851	Detroit	1882	...	Hadley.
15	Barnum, Charles W. . . . .	...	...	...	1883	...	Lakeport.
16	Bartlett, Alanson Roots	New York	1827	Michigan	1853	...	Hancock.
17	Baskerville, Thomas H.	New York	1845	Detroit	1873	...	Detroit.
18	Bell, Andrew . . . . .	...	...	Michigan . . . . .	...	Div	Ann Arbor.
19	Benson, William	New York	1820	Michigan	1849	Div	Adrian.
20	Benson, Charles E. . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	Bancroft.
21	Benson, William W. . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	Utica.
22	Benton, Wm. Hart	Louisiana	1836	Detroit	1863	...	Dexter.
23	Berry, Francis . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	Orchard Lake.
24	Berry, Joseph Flint	Canada	1856	Detroit	1876	...	Mount Clemens.
25	Bartram, M. H. . . . .	...	...	Michigan . . . . .	...	...	Northville.
26	Bessey, Samuel	Vermont	1815	Michigan	1846	Div	Grand Rapids.
27	Bettes, John . . . . .	...	...	...	1888	...	Minden.
28	Bigelow, And'w Jackson	New York	1832	Detroit	1857	...	East Saginaw.
29	Bigelow, Wm. Enos	New York	1820	Michigan	1843	Div	Sault Ste. Marie.
30	Bird, Robert	England	1821	Michigan	1848	Div	Birmingham.
31	Bird, Samuel	Ireland	1821	Detroit	1861	...	Richmond.
32	Birdsall, William	New York	1816	Detroit	1857	...	Flint.
33	Blades, Francis Asbury	Maryland	1821	Michigan	1846	Div	Detroit.
34	Blood, Alva G.	Michigan	1842	Detroit	1877	...	Walled Lake.
35	Bourns, Alfred Francis	Michigan	1838	Detroit	1863	...	Ann Arbor.
36	Bradley, Franklin	Illinois . . . . .	...	Detroit	1874	...	Oscoda.
37	Bray, Edward A. . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	Blissfield.
38	Brockway, Edwin H.	New York	1825	Detroit	1856	...	Medina.
39	Brown, Henry Newton	England	1821	Michigan	1848	Div	Royal Oak.
40	Brown, Samuel Joshua	New York	1829	Detroit	1868	...	Croswell.
41	Burnett, Wm. Q.	England	1824	Detroit	1858	...	Tecumseh.

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42	Calkins, Sylvester			Michigan	...	Div	South Lyon.
43	Camburn, Ira H.	New York	1815	Detroit	1857	...	Denton.
44	Campbell, Wm. John	England	1839	Detroit	1862	...	Adrian.
45	Campbell, Wm. M.	New Brun	...	Congr'nal	1858	1875	Ridgeway.
46	Casler, David	New York	1840	Detroit	...	1871	Marquette.
47	Caster, Elisha Ezra	New York	1836	Detroit	1859	...	Fenton.
48	Caster, James Harvey	New York	1818	Michigan	1858	Div	Webberville.
49	Challis, Dewitt C.	New York	1845	Detroit	1877	...	Bulgaria, Ty.
50	Church, Charles Lewis	Penn	1838	Detroit	1863	...	Pine Run.
51	Clack, Wm. J.	England	1834	Detroit	1862	...	Flat Rock.
52	Clark, Nathan N.	Maine	1841	Detroit	1874	...	Laingsburgh.
53	Clements, Samuel	New York	1817	Michigan	1851	Div	Ann Arbor.
54	Clough, Albert B.	Michigan	1837	Detroit	1867	...	Oakley.
55	Coates, Frederick			Detroit	1876	...	Sand Beach.
56	Coborn, Camden M.	Penn	1855	Erie	1876	1883	Monroe.
57	Cook, William	England	1835	Fr. Meth.	1835	1882	Republic Mine.
58	Cope, Robert L.	Canada	1848	Wesleyan	1873	1875	Corunna.
59	Crane, Alfonzo	Michigan	1848	Detroit	1879	...	Addison.
60	Crane, Rufus Cullen	New York	1824	Michigan	1853	Div	Greenville.
61	Craven, Edwin	England	1848	Detroit	1875	...	Seymour Lake.
62	Crippen, John Wesley	Michigan	1833	Detroit	1859	...	Ann Arbor.
63	Curnalia, James Henry	New York	1836	Detroit	1862	...	Mount Vernon.
64	Curtis, David A.	New York	1820	Michigan	1846	Div	Fairfield.
65	Davidson, James F.	Ohio	1810	Ohio	1888	Div	Fenton.
66	Davis, George R.			Detroit	1869	...	Pekin, China.
67	Davis, Lewis P.	Michigan	1839	Detroit	1875	...	West Bay City.
68	Davis, George S.				1883	...	Marysville.
69	Dawe, William	England	1848	Detroit	1876	...	Detroit.
70	Dean, Lyman Haines	New York	1829	Detroit	1857	...	Warren.
71	Dean, Salem A.	Canada	1865	Can. M. E.	1879	1883	Brighton.
72	Dickey, Nathaniel				...	1883	Cass City.
73	Dobbins, Jacob	New York	1809	Michigan	1882	Div	Port Huron.
74	Donnelly, Wm.	Penn	1808	Detroit	1854	...	Alpena.
75	Donelson, Ira W.			Michigan	1855	...	Pontiac.
76	Dunlap, James A.	Michigan	1843	Detroit	1871	...	Mt. Vernon.
77	Dunning, Walter Edson	Michigan	1843	Detroit	1871	...	Clayton.
78	Eastman, Charles S.	Illinois	...	Can. M. E.	1862	1880	Milford.
79	Edgcumbe, Samuel				...	...	Carlton.
80	Edwards, Arthur	Ohio	1834	Detroit	1880	...	Chicago.
81	Elwood, Isaac Newton	New York	1843	Detroit	1869	...	Ypsilanti.
82	Fair, Alex. Scott	Canada	1840	Detroit	1869	...	Atlantic Mine.
83	Field, George H.	Canada	1835	Canada W.	1864	1872	Franklin.
84	Fiske, Lewis Ransom	New York	1825	Michigan	1867	1866	Albion.
85	Frazee, Elias Wetmore	New Brun	1841	Canada W.	1862	1868	Flint.
86	Frazer, Joseph	Ireland	1840	Detroit	1868	...	Holly.
87	Gage, Rodney	Mass	1821	N. England	1855	1866	Ruby.
88	Gardiner, Thomas C.	New York	1820	Michigan	1845	Div	Port Huron.
89	Gee, Alexander	Michigan	1838	Detroit	1858	...	Carlton.
90	George, William	England	1847	Detroit	1880	...	L'Anse.
91	Gibbs, Calvin	Michigan	1836	South Ill	1866	1878	Swartz Creek.
92	Giberson, Daniel W.	Canada	1840	Detroit	1876	...	Henrietta.
93	Gifford, Myron W.			Can. M. E.	...	1882	South Lyon.
94	Gilchriese, Samuel				1883	...	St. Charles.
95	Gordon, John M.	New York	1834	Detroit	1865	...	Owosso.
96	Goss, Joel Byington	Michigan	1843	Detroit	1870	...	Flushing.
97	Hagadorn, Wesley	N. H.	1838	Detroit	1863	...	Lansing.
98	Hamilton, John	New York	1835	Detroit	1871	...	Perry.
99	Hammond, Daniel W.	Michigan	1838	Detroit	1860	...	Vernon.
100	Haskell, Erastus R.			Michigan		Div	Warsaw. Ind.
101	Hastings, George H.	N. H.	1847	Vermont	1876	1882	Negaunee.
102	Hawks, Matthew C.			Detroit	1881	...	W. Bay City.
103	Hedger, Benjamin H.	N. Jersey	1811	Michigan	1835	Div

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104	Hickey, Manasseh	New York	1820	Michigan	1848	Div	Detroit.
105	Hicks, Henry W.	New York	1837	Meth. Prot.	1860	1868	South Saginaw.
106	Higgins, Theron Clint	New York	1819	Detroit	1858	....	Royal Oak.
107	Hill, Charles E.	....	....	....	1883	....	Roscommon.
108	Hodge, John J.	....	....	Detroit	1876	....	Davidson.
109	Hodskiss, Harvey	New York	1818	Weasleyan	1845	1868	Williamston.
110	Holmes, Andrew J.	New York	1845	Detroit	1890	....	Brockway.
111	Holt, Joseph Warren	Conn	1819	Michigan	1848	Div	Taymouth.
112	Hood, Hiram	New York	1818	Genesee	1846	1859	Birmingham.
113	Horton, Jacob	Michigan	1840	Detroit	1865	....	Marine City.
114	Houghton, Levi Liberty	New York	1837	Detroit	1869	....	Bell Branch.
115	Hoyt, Almon F.	Vermont	1849	Detroit	1876	....	Boston.
116	Hubbell, James D.	....	....	....	....	1883	Ortonville.
117	Huckle, Thomas G.	....	....	....	....	....	Port Hope.
118	Hudson, James L.	Michigan	1844	Detroit	1866	....	Morenci.
119	Hudson, Geo. W.	....	....	....	....	1883	Tecumseh.
120	Jacklin, James E.	Michigan	1847	Detroit	1877	....	Bay City.
121	Jacokes, Daniel C.	New York	....	Michigan	1842	Div	Pontiac.
122	Jennings, George W.	....	....	....	1883	....	Almont.
123	Johnston, Isaac	Ireland	1819	Weasleyan	1851	1867	Petersburgh.
124	Johnson, Peter O.	New York	1817	Michigan	1860	Div	Minneapolis, Minn
125	Johnston, J. Milton	New York	1844	Detroit	1873	....	Detroit.
126	Joslin, John S.	New York	1836	Detroit	1866	....	Pontiac.
127	Joslin, Thomas Jeff	New York	1829	Michigan	1854	Div	Alpena.
128	Kerridge, J. Milesen	....	....	....	....	....	Clinton.
129	Kilpatrick, James H.	New York	1844	Detroit	1872	....	Wayne.
130	Kilpatrick, Jesse	Ohio	1831	Detroit	1859	....	Fowlerville.
131	Kimmel, Samuel Bell	Penn	1826	Detroit	1872	....	Flushing.
132	Klampa, Erastus	New York	1815	Detroit	1837	....	Elm.
133	Lading, Aaron R.	Michigan	1838	....	1863	....	Goodrich.
134	Lanning, Robert C.	New York	1820	Meth. Prot.	1844	1868	Hazelton.
135	Lee, Luther	New York	1800	Genesee	1829	1867	Flint.
136	Lennox, Lambert E.	....	....	Detroit	1881	....	Houghton.
137	Lowe, George W.	Michigan	1836	Detroit	1860	....	Birmingham.
138	Lyon, George Marcus	New York	1829	Meth. Prot.	1868	1869	Highland.
139	Lyon, Nelson G.	Michigan	1845	Detroit	1876	....	East Tawas.
140	Marks, Walter	....	....	....	....	....	Downington.
141	McConnell, Richard	Ireland	1820	Michigan	1846	Div	Port Huron.
142	McCune, John H.	....	....	....	....	....	Mayville.
143	McEldowney, John	Ireland	1824	Weasleyan	1846	1867	Detroit.
144	McFawn, David	....	....	Detroit	1879	....	Tombstone, Aza.
145	McGee, Thomas B.	....	....	....	....	....	Ingersoll.
146	McIlwain, John A.	New York	1831	Detroit	1866	....	Chelsea.
147	McIntosh, John H.	Canada	1834	Detroit	1870	....	Harrisville.
148	Merrill, Henry A.	....	....	....	1881	....	Detroit.
149	Millar, David B.	Scotland	1840	Detroit	1873	....	Lake Linden.
150	Mitchell, Lewis	Ireland	....	Detroit	1856	....	Attica.
151	Mitchell, Joseph S.	....	....	....	1883	....	Iron Mountain.
152	Moon, Lewis Nelson	Michigan	1849	Detroit	1876	....	Metamora.
153	Moore, Benjamin C.	....	....	....	1882	....	Unionville.
154	Morgan, Josiah George	Michigan	1836	Detroit	1867	....	Williamston.
155	Morgan, Charles H.	....	....	Detroit	1881	....	Romeo.
156	Morton, James H.	Scotland	1838	Meth. Prot.	1862	1875	Capac.
157	Mosher, Curtis	New York	1815	Michigan	1850	Div	Davisburgh.
158	Nankervis, Henry	England	1844	Detroit	1876	....	Attica.
159	Newton, Newell	New York	1824	Genesee	1852	1860	Southfield.
160	Nichols, Thomas	Canada	1834	Detroit	1862	....	Armada.
161	Ninde, William Xavier	New York	1832	Black River	1868	....	Evanston, Ill.
162	Nixon, George	....	....	....	1874	1874	Ruby.
163	Noble, James Richard	England	1834	Detroit	1860	Wayne.
164	Northrup, Henry C.	Mass	1843	Detroit	1875	St. Clair.

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165	Odell, Daniel J.	Michigan	1836	Detroit	1873	Dansville.
166	Oliver, John B.	1829	Detroit	1881	W. Bay City.
167	Omans, Thomas G.	Michigan	1832	Prot. Meth.	1880	1870	Osceola.
168	Owen, George W.	Ohio	1827	Detroit	1860	....	Detroit.
169	Palmer, Horace	Michigan	1843	....	1872	....	Troy.
170	Parker, Henry O.	New York	1829	Detroit	1856	....	Oxford.
171	Parker, Jacob E.	Penn	1816	Michigan	1845	Div	Washington, D. C.
172	Parrish, Perry R.	....	....	....	1883	....	Calumet.
173	Pierce, Edwin P.	Michigan	1837	Detroit	1875	....	Augusta.
174	Pearce, Francis E.	Ohio	1847	N. Indiana	1871	1872	Pinckney.
175	Pearson, George L.	Canada	1858	Detroit	1882	....	Ypsilanti.
176	Perrin, Donald A.	....	....	....	....	....	Champion.
177	Perrin, Oliver Jacob	Michigan	1838	Detroit	1862	....	S. Bay City.
178	Pilcher, Elijah H.	Ohio	1810	Ohio	1831	....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
179	Pilcher, Leander W.	Michigan	1848	Detroit	1862	....	Pekin, China.
180	Poole, William H.	....	....	....	....	1883	Port Huron.
181	Pope, Russell B.	....	....	....	....	1888	Ann Arbor.
182	Potter, Thomas George.	Ireland	1832	Detroit	1861	....	Port Huron.
183	Pritchard, B. Franklin	Conn	1815	Michigan	1860	Div	Unadilla.
184	Ramsdell, Stephen L.	....	....	Detroit	....	....	Ann Arbor.
185	Ramsey, W. W.	....	....	....	....	1883	Detroit.
186	Reed, Seth	New York	1823	Michigan	1846	Div	Flint.
187	Reeve, Benjamin	....	....	....	1883	....	Saginaw.
188	Richards, And. Jackson	New York	1831	Detroit	1866	....	Bay City.
189	Riddick, Isaac H.	Ohio	1846	Michigan	1872	1877	Caro.
190	Robinson, Rodney D.	Michigan	1842	Detroit	1883	....	Bennington.
191	Rogers, Benjamin B.	....	....	....	....	1883	Belleville.
192	Rowe, Justin E.	....	....	....	....	....	Oak Grove.
193	Russell, Jesse B.	New York	1832	Detroit	1863	....	Milton.
194	Russell, John	New York	1822	Michigan	1845	Div	Port Sanilac.
195	Sanborn, Orlando	New York	1826	Michigan	1855	Div	Highland.
196	Scott, Marvin J.	New York	1832	Detroit	1870	....	Freeland.
197	Seelye, Thomas	N. Jersey	1823	Michigan	....	Div	Augusta.
198	Shank, John M.	....	....	Detroit	1881	....	Dixborough.
199	Shier, Dan. R.	N. Jersey	1841	Detroit	1873	....	Hudson.
200	Shier, William Henry	New York	1832	Detroit	1863	....	Flint.
201	Simpson, Charles	New York	1832	Detroit	1868	....	Vernon.
202	Smart, James Shirley	Maine	1823	Michigan	1850	Div	Albion.
203	Smith, William	....	....	....	....	1883	Howell.
204	Spencer, Claudius B.	....	....	....	....	1883	Detroit.
205	Sparling, John George	Ireland	1838	Detroit	1871	....	Memphis.
206	Springer, Isaac E.	Illinois	1839	W. Wis	1859	1882	Saginaw City.
207	Squire, Gilbert C.	....	....	....	....	1883	St. Ignace.
208	Stalker, Thomas	England	1829	Detroit	1861	....	Ann Arbor.
209	Steele, Ebenezer	Mass	1808	Michigan	1841	Div	Ann Arbor.
210	Stowe, George	Michigan	1838	Detroit	1868	....	Unadilla.
211	Strong, Frederick	New Brun.	1832	Detroit	1875	....	Byron.
212	Sutton, Joseph Swazey	N. Jersey	1819	Michigan	1848	Div	St. Clair.
213	Sweet, John	....	....	....	....	1879	Caseville.
214	Talmadge, Charles H.	New York	1835	Detroit	1880	....	Middletown, Conn.
215	Taylor, Barton S.	New York	1830	Detroit	1861	....	Albion.
216	Taylor, George	England	1810	Genesee	1888	Div	Lansing.
217	Taylor, Wm	England	1817	Michigan	1848	Div	Lansing.
218	Tedman, Lucius S.	New York	1832	Detroit	1861	....	Davisburgh.
219	Thompson, Henry W.	Michigan	1847	Detroit	1874	....	Escanaba.
220	Thompson, Calvin M.	....	....	....	....	1883	Midland.
221	Tracy, D. Burnham	Conn	1829	Michigan	1855	Div	Detroit.
222	Triggs, Wm. M.	England	1829	Detroit	1860	....	Morenci.
223	Tuttle, William	New York	1829	Detroit	1857	....	Ypsilanti.
224	Van Every, John M.	Canada	1850	Missouri	1872	1872	Ishpeming.
225	Varner, J. P.	....	....	....	....	1892	Marquette.
226	Vernum, Joseph B.	Canada	1820	Detroit	1857
227	Venning, James	England	1832	Detroit	1866	Lapeer.

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Number.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Name to Detroit Conference	POST OFFICE.
		Where.	Wh'n	Church or Conference	Wh'n		
228	Wakelin, Thomas	England	1807	Michigan	1845	Div	Mount Morris.
229	Walker, John L.	Scotland	1835	Detroit	1872	....	Grand Blanc.
230	Walker, George A.						North Branch.
231	Warren, Frederick Wales	New York	1820	Michigan	1846	Div	Denton.
232	Warren, Squire Ethan	Michigan	1825	Detroit	1862	....	Leesville.
233	Washburn, W. Wallace	Vermont	1837	Minnesota	1869	1870	Detroit.
234	Way, Wm. Chittenden	New York	1824	Detroit	1850	....	Fort Gratiot.
235	Wesley, John	England	1819	Detroit	1859	....	Deerfield.
236	Westlake, Eli.	New York	1819	Michigan	1841	Div	Corning, Iowa.
237	Whalen, James E.	Michigan		Detroit	1873	....	Dell Rapids, Dak.
238	White, Henry Sumner	New York	1838	Providence	1856	1865	Vassar.
239	Whitely, Duke	England	1822	Meth. Prot.	1854	1872	Franklin.
240	Whitcomb, Alonzo	New York	1838	Detroit	1870	....	Waterloo.
241	Whitcomb, John Goss	New York	1824	Detroit	1866	1867	Orion.
242	Whitmore, Orrin	New York	1838	Michigan	1860	Div	Clarkston.
243	Wilcox, Isaac	Canada	1848	Detroit	1876	....	Lisbon, Dakota.
244	Wilkinson, Thomas	England	1838	Prin. Meth	1864	1871	Republic.
245	Willits, Oscar W.			Detroit	1879	....	N. China Miss.
246	Wilsey, Marcellus B.	New York	1817	Wesleyan	1845	1867	Milford.
247	Wilson, Andrew W.	Europe	1841	Genesee	1868	1870	Napoleon.
248	Wilson, John			Detroit	1881	....	East Saginaw.
249	Wilson, Austin				1888	....	Imlay City.
250	Winton, Orton F.	Michigan	1866	Detroit	1881	....	Milan.
251	Withey, James E.	Michigan		Detroit	1866	....	Mount Morris.
252	Wood, Alva B.	Michigan	1843	Detroit	1871	....	Manchester.
253	Woodhams, Roland	England	1848	Detroit	1874	....	Grass Lake.
254	Wortley, Jacob C.	England	1830	Detroit	1863	....	Saline.
255	Wright, Henry W.	Conn	1836	Detroit	1879	....	Dundee.
256	Wright, Philip J.	Canada	1839	Detroit	1871	....	Gaylord.
257	Yager, Eugene					....	Rochester.
258	Yokum, David H.					1881	Clarkston.
259	York, Frederick E.	Canada	1844	Detroit	1868	....	Chesaning.
260	York, Lodowic C.	New York	1817	Detroit	....	....	Dearborn.

PROBATIONERS OF SECOND YEAR

BENEDICT, GEORGE B., Croswell.	PERSONS, HORACE G., Marlette.
DELONG, ARTHUR H., Tyre.	POPE, WILLIAM B., Bay City.
DELONG, ALLEN P., Bad Axe.	POLKINGHORNE, STEPHEN L.,
HALLIDAY, JAMES D., Linden.	National Mine.
KITCHEN, WM. C., Japan.	
LOWRY, JAMES A., Stockbridge.	PRICE, PHILIP, Pickford.
LOWRY, PHILIP, Phenix.	ROBINS, JESSE, Rawsonville.
McMAHON, MICHAEL H., Palmyra.	WEIR, SAMUEL, Otsego Lake.
	WILLIAMS, THOMAS G., Norway.
	WANG-CHING-YUN, China.

PROBATIONERS OF FIRST YEAR.

BIGELOW, GUY M., Newberry.	LUCAS, ABNER H., New Haven.
CARTLEDGE, HENRY, Whitmore Lake.	MCALLISTER, JAMES, Carsonville.
DAVIS, MORGAN H., Millington.	OLIVER, SAMUEL A., Capac.
EDMUND, WILLIAM, Clifford.	OSBORNE, FRANK L., Lambertville.
FORSYTHE, BENJAMIN F., Grayling.	PEIRCE, WILLIAM, Manchester.
FOXTON, JOHN L., Peck.	PLANTZ, SAMUEL, Plymouth.
IVEY, JAMES, Rockland.	SCARR, GEORGE S., Sandusky.
KENNEDY, JAMES W., Davison.	WEAVER, FRANKLIN, Bridgeport.

LAY CONFERENCE.

The delegates to the Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Detroit Annual Conference, met in the Court street M. E. Church, Flint, at 10 A. M., Friday, September 14th, 1883.

The Conference was called to order by Dr. H. C. Fairbanks, of Flint. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. H. Chapman, of Richmond. After the devotional services the Conference proceeded to the election of temporary officers, Dr. H. C. Fairbanks being elected temporary President and E. D. Douglass temporary Secretary.

A committee of three was elected to examine and report on the credentials of delegates, the committee consisting of Bros. Dr. Webb, H. Chapman and E. G. Douglass.

A committee consisting of Bros. T. F. Shepard, O. A. Critchett, Geo. Robinson, C. B. Howell, C. W. Stratton, W. M. McConnell, S. J. Wilson and A. Suttenbach was elected to report names of officers and order of business for permanent organization.

Bros. H. M. Bradley, E. W. Porter, M. L. Stevens, G. P. Fuller and W. A. Tripp were elected a committee on resolutions.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

The Conference met at 2 P. M., and the Committee on Credentials reported the following named brethren entitled to seats, viz:

G. T. Fuller, Adrian.	W. K. Wheat, M. D., Caro.
Nathan Webb, Augusta.	J. J. Campbell, Chesaning.
Orson Green, Addison.	Wm. C. Rinsman, Calumet.
S. Bevens, Attica.	Wm. Thompson, Carsonville.
W. A. Tripp, Adair.	Chas. B. Howell, Detroit Central Church.
H. M. Bradley, Bay City, Washington st.	Francis Bethell, " Simpson "
Albert Miller, Bay City, Fremont ave.	John M. Stevens, " Tabernacle "
W. H. Neighbor, Bay City.	B. S. Gross, " Fort street "
Charles Drumm, Bancroft.	E. W. Porter, " Jefferson av. "
C. W. Stratton, Brockway.	E. S. Hibbard, " Cass avenue "
W. Hicks, Brighton.	G. Townsend, Davisburg.
J. R. Corson, Birmingham.	Guy M. Bigelow, Dexter.
O. C. Waugh, Bennington.	David M. Garner, Davisburg.
Chas. Cole, Burnside.	A. J. Wilkerson, Dundee.
Eugene A. Ellis, Bridgeport.	John La Due, East Saginaw, Jefferson st.
E. A. Urch, Clarkston.	L. M. Lyon, " Hess st.
Geo. W. McLain, Corunna.	J. R. Staatz, East Tawas.
O. F. Noe, Commerce.	Dr. H. C. Fairbanks, Flint Court st.

R. W. Dullam, Flint, Garland st.
 B. D. Bartow, Fort Gratiot.
 John Thompson, Freeland.
 S. S. Porter, Flat Rock.
 J. B. Hamilton, Fentonville.
 Oscar F. Clark, Flushing.
 Henry Burkhardt, Fowlerville.
 Henry Galliver, Five Lakes.
 P. A. Montgomery, Grand Blanc.
 John Robinson, Greenfield.
 Wm. Liscom, Goodrich.
 R. S. Hutton, Hadley.
 E. C. Wright, Howell.
 Thos. F. King, Highland.
 Harrison Smith, Holly.
 Squire Holt, Henrietta.
 Frank Haines, Imlay City.
 Dr. E. B. Emory, Ingersoll.
 Donald McIntyre, Iosco.
 Obed Smith, Lambertville.
 Joseph Stevenson, Lakeport.
 S. N. Brooks, Linden.
 A. Urney, Lexington.
 David L. Warren, Laingsburg.
 E. G. Douglass, Lapeer.
 James Bartess, Midland.
 John Crawford, Milford.
 Geo. Robinson, Mt. Clemens.
 Jas. M. Torry, Millington.
 Otis A. Critchett, Monroe.
 F. E. Spencer, Memphis.
 Geo. Pailthorpe, Mt. Morris.
 A. Luttenbach, New Haven.
 F. A. Beal, Northville.
 H. M. Loud, Oscoda.
 J. W. Philips, Oxford.
 John Clark, Ortonville.
 A. C. Smith, Otisville.
 Moses Mix, Owosso.
 A. W. Owen, Orion.
 John McCormick, Port Huron.
 Wm. H. Shook, Parshallville.
 M. L. Stevens, Perry.
 D. Shell, Peck.
 J. F. Loomis, Pine Run.
 Wm. M. McConnell, Pontiac.
 D. J. Wakeman, Reese.
 J. Cruikshank, Ruby.
 H. Chapman, Richmond.
 Samuel J. Wilson, Royal Oak.
 G. W. Brabb, Romeo.
 Wm. Sturman, Redford.
 H. B. Boomer, Swartz Creek.
 W. W. Brown, Saginaw, Ames Church.
 Alonzo Adams, St. Charles.
 Wm. Black, St. Clair.
 J. S. Kinney, Tecumseh.
 Wm. T. Strong, Troy.
 Geo. W. Crook, Trenton.
 F. E. Ives, Unadilla.
 C. G. Cady, Utica.
 Hon. B. W. Huston, Vassar.
 G. J. Corwin, Webberville.
 T. F. Shepard, West Bay City.
 G. Kile, Watrousville.
 Wm. Lathers, Wayne.
 J. C. Mason, Warren.
 Dr. Webb, Ypsilanti.

The Committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business reported as follows:

For Permanent President..... Bro. H. M. Loud.
 For Vice-Presidents, one from each District, viz:
 Detroit..... Bro. Chas. B. Howell..... Detroit.
 Adrian..... " Albert J. Wilkerson..... Dundee.
 Port Huron..... " H. Chapman..... Richmond.
 Flint..... " John Crawford..... Milford.
 Saginaw..... " Albert Miller..... Bay City.
 Alpena..... " A. R. Staats..... E. Tawas.
 Lake Superior..... " S. B. Harris..... Rockwood.
 For Permanent Secretary..... " E. S. Hibbard..... Detroit.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. The appointment of three tellers by the President.
- 2d. Presentation of names of candidates.
- 3d. Election of two delegates to the next General Conference by ballot, separately.
- 4th. Election of two alternate delegates.
- 5th. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous business.
- 7th. Adjournment.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the Convention proceeded with its Order of Business.

The Chair appointed as tellers Bros. B. W. Huston, T. F. Shepard and G. T. Fuller; after which the following names

were presented as candidates: Bros. T. C. Owen, of Detroit; O. A. Critchett, of Monroe, and H. M. Loud, of Oscoda.

The Conference then proceeded to ballot and the result was as follows: Bros. H. M. Loud, of Oscoda, and T. C. Owen, of Detroit, were elected as delegates, and Bros. O. A. Critchett, of Monroe, and H. M. Bradley, of Bay City, as alternate delegates. On motion, the election was made unanimous.

The Committee on Resolutions then reported the following resolution:

Whereas, The result of the past experience of the itinerancy has proven so satisfactory and beneficial to the working of the M. E. Church; therefore,

Resolved, That this body of Lay Delegates, believing that it is at present premature, hereby instruct the delegates elected to the General Conference to oppose any attempt to make changes in the matter of the itineracy.

After quite an animated debate, it was adopted.

Also the following, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Whereas, The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, and ever worthy of the most careful thought and effort of our best legislators; therefore,

Resolved, That the Lay Delegates to the General Conference be requested to use all lawful effort in that Conference to advance the interests of the Sabbath Schools of our Church.

Rev. F. A. Blades and T. C. Jacokes were then introduced as fraternal delegates from the Detroit Annual Conference to this body, and addressed the Conference.

It was voted that the proceedings of this body be published in the Minutes of the Detroit Annual Conference, and a collection amounting to \$15.90 was taken to defray expenses of the same.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to convey the fraternal greeting of this body to the Detroit Annual Conference. The Chair appointed Bros. H. M. Loud, C. B. Howell and A. Miller as such committee.

The Conference then adjourned *sine die*.

E. S. HIBBARD,

Secretary.

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